

**“... and  
enlarge my  
territory”**



“And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, ‘Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!’”

*1 Chronicles 4:10*

**How life differs  
with enlarged  
territories of  
open eyes,  
an understanding  
mind,  
and a large heart?**



# 1. Looking for other solutions <sup>(1)</sup>

- Coming out of the vicious cycle of limited options to deal with a challenge
- “Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up” *John 5:7*



# 1. Looking for other solutions <sup>(2)</sup>

- “Indeed, I said to myself, ‘He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy.’” *1 Kings 5:11*
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# 1. Looking for other solutions <sup>(3)</sup>

- Looking within myself for my part of the solution
- Adapting to live with an unsolved problem



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## 2. Accepting the change <sup>(1)</sup>

- God's will to enlarge the territory of my knowledge, skills, and experience
  - Understanding the change and seeing the opportunity in it
  - Changes with age, in family and church
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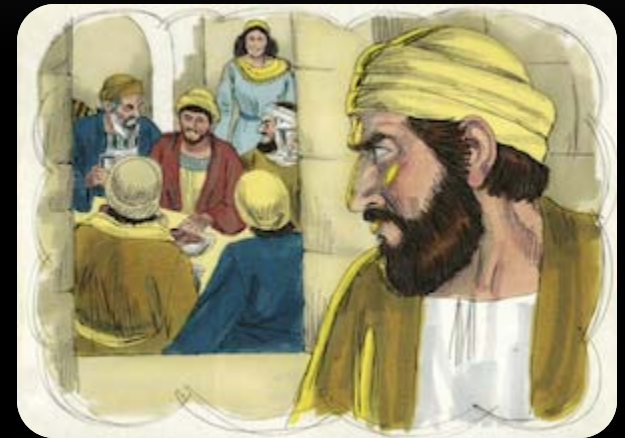
## 2. Accepting the change <sup>(2)</sup>

- The acceptance of the Gentiles unto the flock of God
- Joseph and Moses going out of their comfort zones



### 3. Searching for the root cause <sup>(1)</sup>

- The real motive behind my deeds and reactions (the older brother)
- Is my sin or its consequence behind the trouble (Joshua and the defeat at Ai)?





### 3. Searching for the root cause (3)

- Understanding the status of hunger and looking for satisfaction in the wrong place
  - The reason behind my inability to grow spiritually
  - Understanding the cause of a repeated failure
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## 4. Sympathizing with others' weaknesses <sup>(1)</sup>

- Understanding others' failures and finding excuses for them.
- Remembering that we do not know or see everything about others



## 4. Sympathizing with others' weaknesses (2)

- Acquiring the Lord Christ's heart who justified the sinful woman and dealt kindly with the Samaritan woman



## 5. Seeing the work of Grace <sup>(1)</sup>

- This will support my struggle and give me a firm hope to continue to the end
- The intercession of the Spirit of God:



## 5. Seeing the work of Grace <sup>(2)</sup>

- “Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered” *Romans 8:26*



## 5. Seeing the work of Grace <sup>(3)</sup>

- The cloud of witnesses, the crown set for those who struggle faithfully, and the Sacraments with their healing power
  - Not to rely on myself for victory over the evil spiritual powers
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## 6. Dealing with differences <sup>(1)</sup>

- The different approaches in handling a problem
  - Respecting others' choices even if I do not agree with them
  - Love in the presence of a disagreement
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## 6. Dealing with differences <sup>(2)</sup>

- Considering what I may not be able to know in others' decisions
  - Believing God's ability to work with different people to achieve something meaningful  
(the farmer with the cracked pot)
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## 7. The Second Chance

- The heart of God who listens and grants us a new start every time we ask of Him:  
“...bring us to a good start”
- The Lost Son: the story of every day

