

Life in the Fast Lane



Building Blocks of Breakthrough: Getting Past the Roadblocks

Strategizing the Route...

In preparation for a Women's Ministries event, the Lord gave me a phrase... *"The enemy had a plan but God had a provision."* Grab your spiritual map. God is the light, the truth and the way. The devil may be plotting your failure but the Lord God is strategizing your success. If it feels like you have lost your way...don't pull over...God's "navigation" system is voice activated, and will direct you to your destination (provision).

The enemy's map is filled with dead-ends, confusing routes, detours, broken-down bridges and missing road signs. The freaky thing is they can all happen at the same time! My car did a kaput in Mojave desert, my credit card number was stolen, my husbands' car was hit in a parking lot and our son lost his new job – all in the same month.

I looked around the WM meeting room and realized how many of us women are devising a line of attack – putting on the whole armor of God – to stand firm against the tricks of the devil (Ephesians 6:11). Guess what? We are really good at strategizing with the Word of God! All you warrior "Deborah's" (check out Judges 4&5 for the Prophetess/Warrior Deborah) are standing on the wall with your standards raised and ready for battle. You go Deborahs!

I was amazed to discover that Elnora is raising 2 grandchildren, Lisa – 3 girls, Yolanda – 3 sons and Sharon - 2 daughters... all on their own. Can you imagine the tactical approaches required to act as provider, spiritual guide, nurse, cook, chauffeur, coach, teacher, and psychologist just to get through one day! Multiply those detours and dead-ends exponentially and you get an idea of what that day is like. Yet, I see them in church, at Women's Ministries meetings, in the office - helping and assisting. And, just as awesome, their children participate as well. I declare all you single moms out there as women of valor!

Forming strategic alliances with the Holy Spirit to plan your route is imperative! I know...sometimes it feels like the train left the station and you are still standing on the platform or, you got on the train but slept through your stop (I actually did this last year on the Metrolink and my hubby had to drive for an hour in rush hour traffic to get me).

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In Mark, Chapter 6, the Bible describes a woman with an issue of blood for 12 years. She spent everything she had on doctors and still wasn't cured. But, she had heard of Jesus, knew He was in town and mapped out her strategy to make a spiritual connection. This woman knew if she could touch the hem of His garment she would be healed. In that era, she was considered unclean and not accepted in public. She took a tremendous risk of being arrested and not ever reaching her goal. The timing had to be right and the route carefully mapped. Our issues are bleeding all over family, work, church, friends. It's time to develop new tactical approaches and launch ourselves toward our spiritual provision!

Strategizing the route suggestions:

- Read over Mark, Chapter 6, concerning the woman that touched the hem of His garment and approach the Lord with your "issues".
- Find some like-minded Christian friends and, together, map out some new routes. Help each other! Winning a war is not about who is physically stronger but who has the best stratagem.
- Break down the confusing routes and re-map. Develop a clear vision of your provision. Don't get so caught up in the "wilderness" that you lose sight of the "promise"!

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