



“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”

**Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to
know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32**

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JOSHUA 7:1-13

TITLE: WE HAVE THE CAPACITY TO SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS

INTRODUCTION

- A. Why do we blame God and others because of our lack of success and not consider that it is our own actions that are responsible _____
- B. Some are reluctant to acknowledge and accept responsibility for how our actions contribute to our lack of success
- C. In our acknowledgment that God is in control of everything (and God is), we sometimes, inappropriately, assign blame to God for everything _____

WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO THIS

- A. The Children of Israel _____
 - 1. God delivered them from Egypt [The 10 Plagues]
 - 2. God held back the waters of the Red Sea
 - 3. God performed numerous miracles in the wilderness
 - 4. God stopped the waters of the Jordan River
 - 5. God gave the victory in the heavily fortified city of Canaan
 - 6. The people in Ai are few
- B. Pilgrim Rest _____
 - 1. God gave our ancestors in Africa the wisdom to create culture and civilization
 - 2. God gave our ancestors the strength to endure the brutal middle passage
 - 3. God gave our enslaved ancestors the creativity and ingenuity to literally create something out of nothing
 - 4. God gave our parents and grandparents the foresight to know what we needed and they gave it to us
 - 5. The challenges in our community

WHY ARE WE NOT SUCCESSFUL?

- A. The Children of Israel _____
 - 1. Physical Defeat
 - 2. Emotional Defeat
 - 3. It is God's fault
- B. Pilgrim Rest _____
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WE ARE THE CAUSE OF OUR LACK OF SUCCESS

- A. Children of Israel _____
 - 1. God, “Get up! Why are you lying on your face like this? Israel has sinned and broken my covenant”
 - 2. God, “You will never defeat your enemies until you remove these things from among you”
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