



Preaching, Teaching and Reaching for
Transformation and Liberation

“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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CHILDREN OF VICTORY: HOW AM I CONTRIBUTING?

On today, we will continue with our series on prayer titled, “Children of Victory: How Am I Contributing?” Our text is from Exodus 2:1-10. Here, we are examining three people who contributed to Moses’ success – Jochebed, Pharaoh’s daughter and Miriam, Moses’ sister. These three provided a cross-cultural, intergenerational team who worked together (by doing what they individually led to do) for the benefit of Moses.

We are all well aware of the intentional, apparently coordinated efforts to destroy Black children, - especially the male children. We see these efforts occurring across all disciplines: socially, educationally, economically, mentally, physically, etc. We ask, “Why kill the boys – the male children? There are basically three reasons why the male children are targeted for destruction. These reasons are consistent with why the Pharaoh chose to destroy the male children in Moses’ day, why King Herod chose to destroy the male children in Jesus’ day and the same reasons why young, Black males are targeted for destruction in 2023.

First, people end to kill who they are afraid of. For centuries, Black males have been promoted as monsters, brutes and animals. Black men have been characterized as dangerous and deadly. Americans have been conditioned to be afraid of Black males. After all, all they want to do is rape your daughters and steal your money. Why are they really afraid?

Second, they are afraid because the males are able to fight – that is, they pose a greater threat. This in no way take anything from Black females. It only highlights the strength of Black males. Understand that the strength to fight goes well beyond physical strength. It encompasses a holistic view of strength. Therefore, when you destroy the Black male, you destroy the potential for all Black people to succeed.

Third, they are afraid because the males are able to procreate. As genocidal practices have occurred through history, to destroy a group of people, you destroy the males. If there are no men to procreate, there will be no offspring. No group of people can continue to populate without males. After the men are destroyed, the enemy will procreate with the women and those children will be assimilated into the dominate culture. Therefore, when you destroy the Black male, you destroy the Black population.

May we all take seriously the opportunity to positively contribute to all of our children – especially our young males



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The Pilgrim Rest Oasis

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An **oasis** is a fertile spot in the desert where refuge, relief, and refreshment is found.

Be part of God's plan for Pilgrim Rest and this community.

Start contributing to the **Oasis** today!
Let's continue to make progress!



Thank you for your continued support of God's plan for us.

Beginning



Current

Your contribution can be dedicated to a specific activity or the Oasis, in general.

	Educational Enrichment	Technology Literacy	Athletics & Recreation	Performing Arts	Facility Innovation
\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15 Subject books for elementary (math, literature, history, etc.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 iPad 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 basketballs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 art sets for aspiring artists 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> External security lighting to keep the street well-lit and safe
\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Summer Bridge books to help students retain learning during breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 "learn how to code" kits for elementary students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 tennis rackets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 beginner saxophones or 8 beginner violins 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Camera security system to keep everyone safe
\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9 students can be challenged to excel using interactive problem-solving programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 computer for graphic design and website creation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 12 sets of golf clubs for children 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 Play Scripts with performance/licensing fee and cast instructions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wireless PA system to easily communicate at the school
\$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 smartboard to help teachers engage students in learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 STEM lab cart of materials for a classroom with multiple activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-day Speed and Agility workshop for 15 young aspiring track stars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 pairs of tap shoes for aspiring dancers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Battery operated floor scrubber to keep the building looking its best
\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 trip for 15 students to visit 1 HBCU 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100 Robotic kits to reinforce studies in STEAM subjects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open gym for 20 young people 1 X a week throughout the winter in a safe place 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 200 tickets to see Alvin Ailey Dance Company 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LED light fixtures throughout the school to promote learning and natural light

WORK FOR THE WEEK

JULY MEMORY VERSE

² for I will speak to you in a parable. I will teach you hidden lessons from our past—³ stories we have heard and known, stories our ancestors handed down to us. ⁴We will not hide these truths from our children; we will tell the next generation about the glorious deeds of the Lord, about his power and his mighty wonders.

Psalm 78:2-4

JULY MEDITATION QUOTE

"We won a war concerning our freedom – the civil war. Then, we gave our children to our enemy to educate them"

Joanne Bland

TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

What am I contributing to the life of a youth or child? _____

What youth or child in my immediate sphere of influence do I need to spend more time with?

FOR THE YOUTH

Who are the adults in my life who are contributing to my success? _____

Who are the adults in my life I need to spend more time with? _____
