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Rob Zachariah gives the following

Elevated from the Pasture

TGIF Today God Is First
Volume 1 by Os Hillman

*Now then, tell my servant David,
"This is what the Lord Almighty
says: I took you from the
pasture and from following the
flock to be ruler over My people
Israel."*

- 2 Samuel 7:8

Have you ever heard someone say, "He is a self-made millionaire"? They are stating that this person accomplished everything through his own efforts. His achievements were a result of his hard work and street smarts.

David was nearing the end of his life. The prophet Nathan was responding to David's idea to build a temple where the Ark of the Covenant would

business advise: The world may have many different definitions of 'success'; much of which may be monetary and materialistic, but the true definition of success is how many people are better off in their lives because you lived. His favorite scripture is *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind"; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'*" ~ Luke 10:27.

Rob and his wife, Suzen, have one son, David Michael (5), and one daughter, Isabella Madison (15 months). His favorite pastime is spending time with his kids. He misses them when he's not there with them. His favorite vacations destination is Israel. The Zachariah worships at Covenant Church in Carrollton.

Message from Mike

I heard a politician say that "the economy is all out of whack". Gosh, if I knew what a "whack" was I would know how bad of shape we are really in.

Meeting Times & Locations

Carrollton

3rd Wednesdays | Nico's Cocina
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

McKinney

2nd Wednesday | La Madeleine
Restaurant | 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

Colleyville

4th Wednesdays | Spring Creek
Barbeque in Grapevine
11:30 am - 1:00 pm

stay. God reminded David of his roots and where He had brought him. God took David from the fields of pasturing sheep to pastoring a nation. God reminded David that He cut off all of David's enemies. (David never lost a battle.)

Have you ever felt tempted to look at your accomplishments with pride as if you were the reason for your success? Have you ever thought your prosperity was due to your ingenuity? Has your material success been a testimony to others that God is the ruler of all aspects of your life, even the material side?

Joseph's greatest test was not his temptation to be bitter against his brothers. It wasn't the sexual temptation that came inside Potiphar's house. It wasn't even the discouragement of years of imprisonment for being wrongfully accused. It was the temptation of prosperity and ownership. Once he was elevated, he was given choices that he never had before. It was totally up to him as to which choice he would make. Stewardship reveals what we believe about God and ourselves.

Not every man can carry a full cup. Sudden elevation frequently leads to pride and a fall. The most exacting test of all to survive is prosperity. - Oswald Chambers

Do you have a proper understanding of who you are? Do you understand that it is God who has given you the ability to work and achieve? He is the source of all good things. Ask God today if your life models this belief.

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