

“Made to Thrive” Deuteronomy 6:12, 8:15-17

Has it been a hard season for you? Has your Hope taken a hit? John 14:1

1. This year has _____ you, whether you know it or not. Be honest and _____ where you are. Christians are susceptible in difficulty and struggle, too. Every single person during this stressful year has been in one of three categories:

- A. _____ Mode – You are _____.
- B. _____ Mode – You cannot move _____; hanging on.
- C. _____ Mode – You are growing and _____.

2. We all have been in one of 3 Places:

A. _____. Do _____ in a place where you do not belong. Do not let Egypt _____ you. Plus, there is _____ in Egypt worth going back for. Numbers 14:4 Do not go back to _____ past failures, or back to _____ relationships, or back to _____, or back to the _____. There is NO Freedom in Egypt, only _____.

B. _____. Once in the Desert, it is not easy to get out of it. You do not _____ here either. Going _____ is not what GOD has for you. Do not _____ to this place. Do not _____. (most people do) Are you sick and tired of being stuck? Are you willing to _____ to where you should be? Are you willing to _____ to move forward?

C. OR _____. This is your _____; what you were created for. Exodus 6:8 The reason for thriving is so you can be _____, inside and out, so you can be more _____ to GOD in serving others. His Children are _____ to live in the Promised Land, where they and their families could Thrive. Their Blessing is so _____ a Blessing. It is their inheritance.

3. The Mindset of Survivors:

A. Most people end up _____ in the Desert of life. (in Survival Mode.) It is not easy to get over the _____ of the Desert, because it is _____ to stay, and harder to make the hard decision to move forward. A whole _____ of Israelites died in the Dessert, unnecessarily, over a slow, _____. Numbers 32:13 It was not GOD’s Will. It _____ the Father.

B. Survivors gradually grow to _____ the Desert as their permanent home. They have grown _____ to drinking water from a rock, and eating the manna they found on the _____ in the Wilderness. They do not realize that was only there to _____ them, until they can get to the Promised Land. _____ awaited them there. (great for _____, and fertile for crops) Deut. 11:8-12

C. Survivors _____ their future, because they have lost their vision. They have lost their _____. They have forgotten what GOD _____. When a person loses Hope, it is _____ to see what GOD wants them to see. Hope is important, because it keeps you _____. Romans 3:3-5

D. The Devil, the Enemy of our souls, _____. John 8:44. But Survivors get stuck in the Desert because they dwell on what they _____, and what has not happened for them. _____ Fear, Worry, _____, Discouragement, Frustration, _____, Lust, and Pride are all _____. They easily get into our hearts, and then we are stuck. Recognize them, and say _____.

4. The Mindset of Thrivers:

A. Thrivers learn that GOD is the God of _____. The Process/Journey is important because it is a _____ that gets you to the Promised Land. _____ the Process/Journey. Embrace the frustration and the loss. It will _____ you, so you can live successfully where HE is taking you. It is _____ and testing always precedes _____. Deut. 8:16

B. Thrivers know their _____ is not their _____. The Desert is only _____, and is a season that they must _____ Psalm 23:4 There is no _____ in the Desert.

C. Thrivers try hard not to _____, and wallow in their circumstances, for then they are trapped living in the _____. The Devil uses unhealthy _____ to shut people in and lock them down. Thrivers focus on what the LORD _____ for them, and what HE will do. _____ fuels hope, and will speed up the Journey through the Desert. 1 Thess. 5:18 Thrivers know that nothing they have lost, compares with _____.

