



# *The Making of a Biblical Based Life Plan*

*“I know the Plans I have for You... Plans to Give  
you Hope and a Future”*

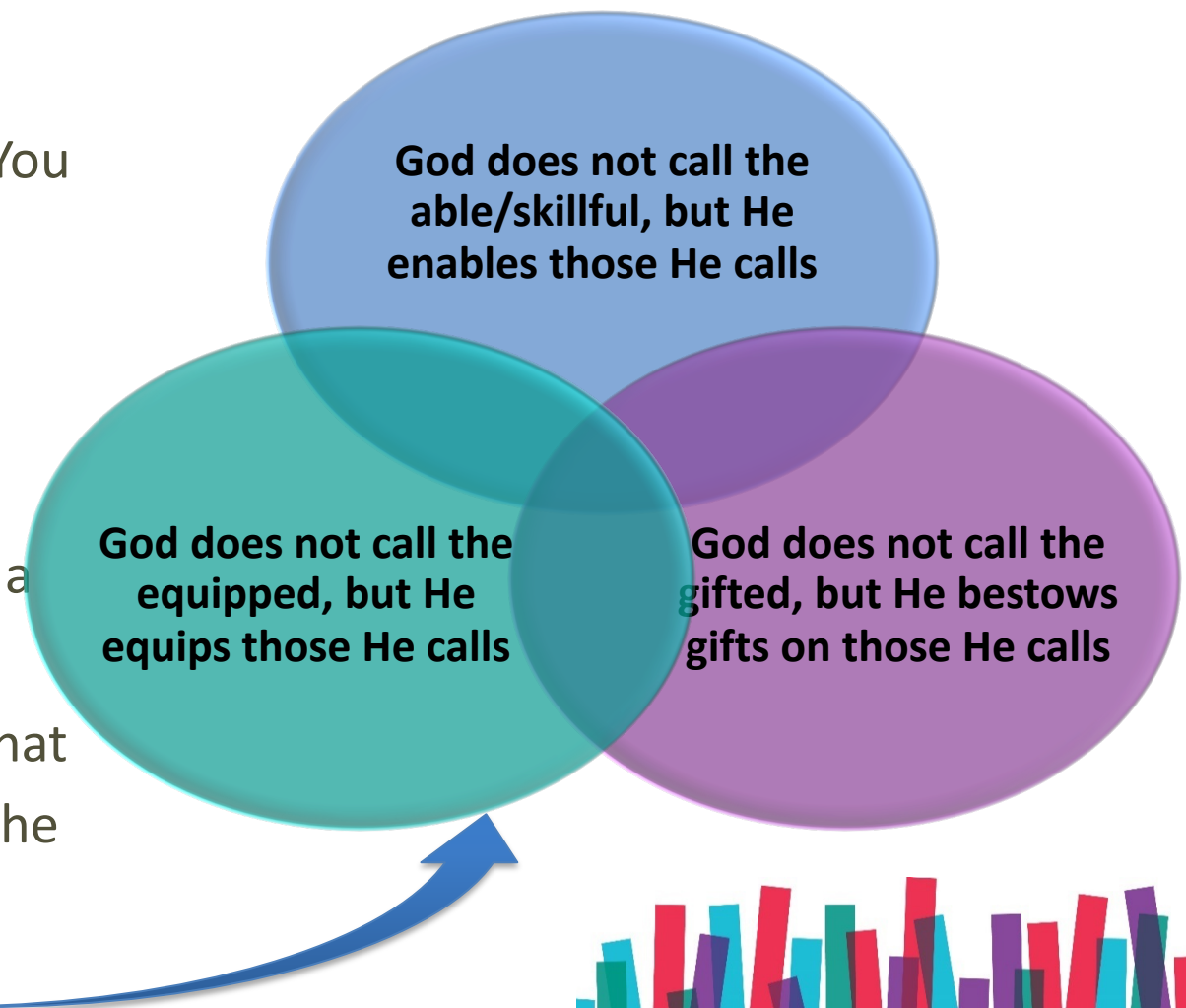
Jer. 29:11

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# Understand Your Calling BEFORE Making Your Business or Life plan

- There is a calling for each and every person
- We have to find and receive it from the Lord.
- Good has good intentions and thoughts for You - Jeremiah 29:11, and bigger ways as thoughts and You Isaiah 55:8-9
- It comes with peace and it is often connected with what dream of.
- It is all about to see your own life from God's perspective and understand that He - The Lord - is a collaboration partner for you.
- Our task is to work out His purposes for my life - what ever it is and what ever it cost. Then this happens the resources will be available.



**God does not call the able/skillful, but He enables those He calls**

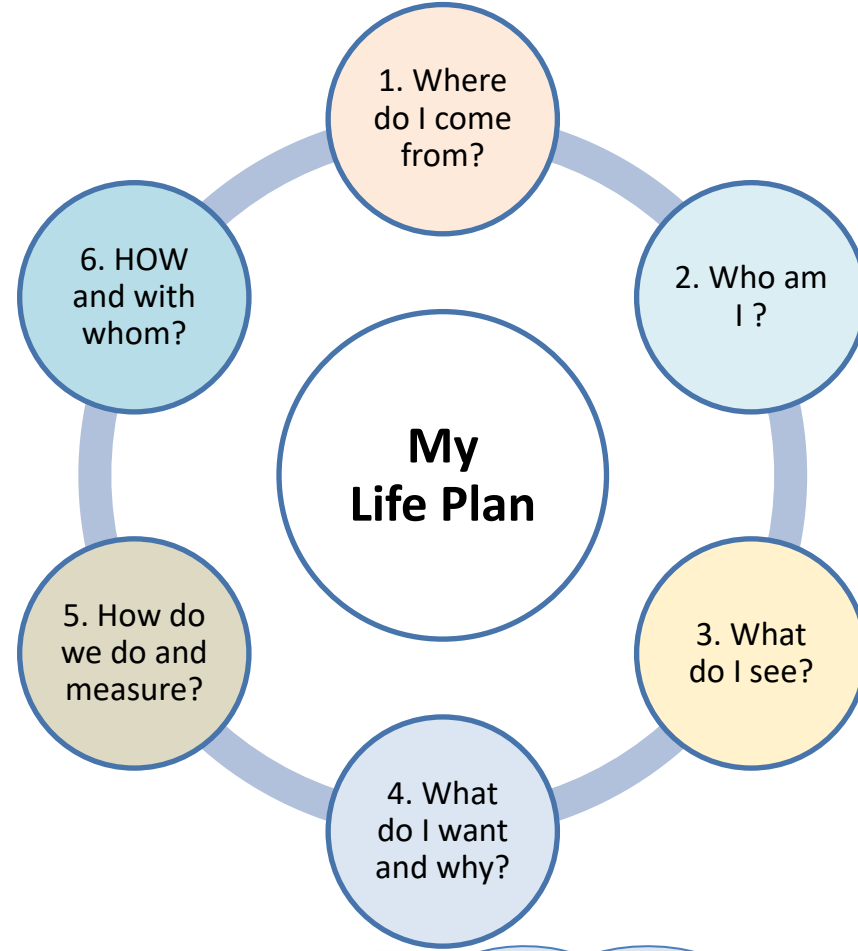
**God does not call the equipped, but He equips those He calls**

**God does not call the gifted, but He bestows gifts on those He calls**

1. My HISTORY and current situation

2. My IDENTITY → values, character and personality

3. TRENDS and observations in society impacting my life and family



4. VISION & Dreams, Purpose & Motivation

6. SKILLS & competences and SPIRITUAL knowledge ?

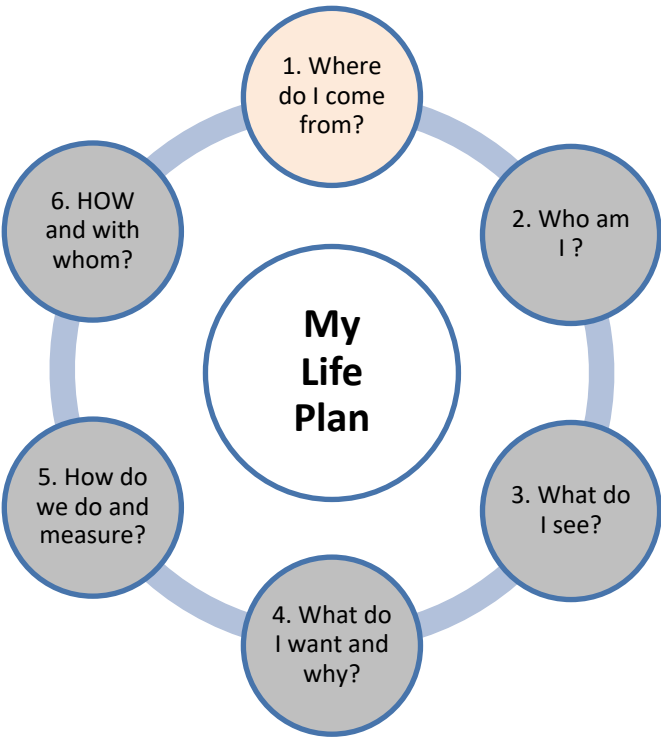
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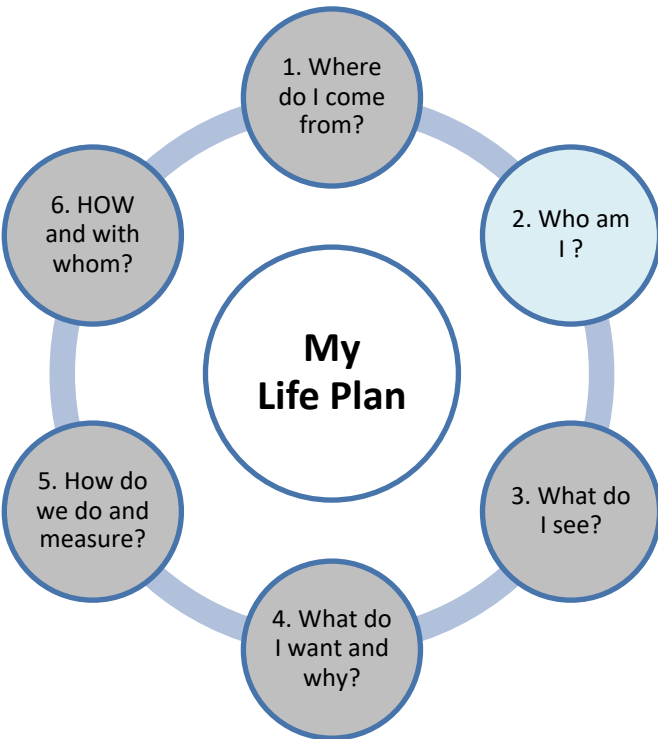


1. My HISTORY and Current Situation



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<p><b>1. My HISTORY and current situation</b></p> <p><b>WHERE DO I COME FROM?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Before I formed you in your mothers womb, I called you to be a prophet for the nations – Jer. 1:5</li> <li>• Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed... Ps. 139:13-18</li> <li>• I will lead you with my eye - Ps. 32:8</li> <li>• The Lord will lead us when we walk in prayer – Pro. 3:5-6</li> <li>• There is a future and a HOPE – Jer 29:11</li> <li>• I will never leave you or forsake you!</li> <li>• What is my biblical role models?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Where do I stand today? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Personally, my career - relationships, skills and knowledge</li> <li>• What motivation do I have for the future? What ambitions do I have?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Do I like my reality? Why? Why not?</li> <li>• How was the journey up to today? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good or bad? Why?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What has formed me up to now - persons and situations that made imprint and impacting in me?</li> <li>• Who have been my natural role models?</li> <li>• Do You accept your situation or Do you deny it?</li> <li>• What's my learning up to now - personally and collectively?</li> <li>• Do I need healing from wounds in my past?</li> </ul>

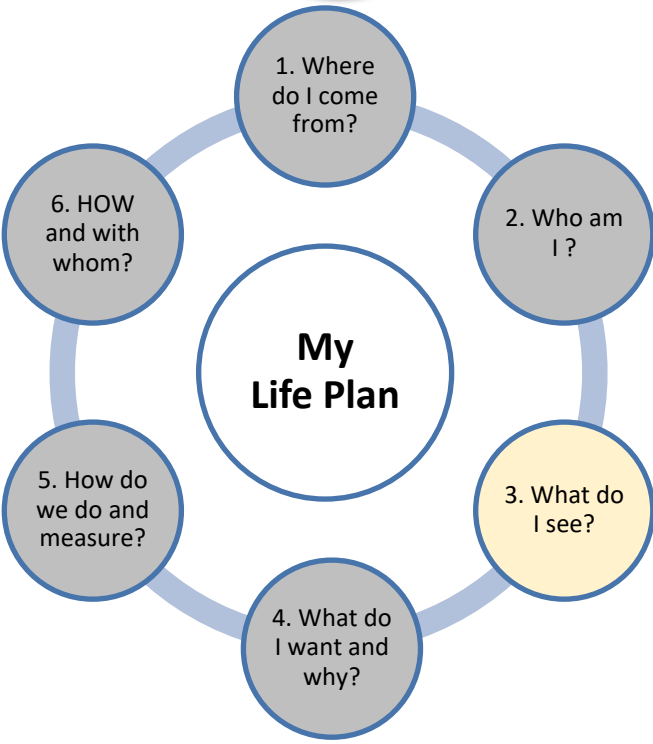
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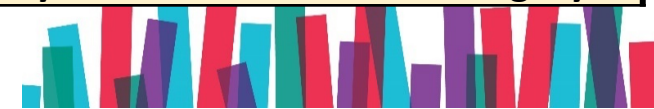
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<p><b>2. My IDENTITY, Values, Character and Personality</b></p> <p><b>WHO AM I?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation – 2 Cor. 5:17</li> <li>• I can do all things through him who strengthens me – Phi. 4:12</li> <li>• There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus – Rom 8:1</li> <li>• I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eyes sees you – Job 42:5</li> </ul>	<p>Who am I?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are my strengths and weaknesses?</li> <li>• How do I define my character &amp; personality?</li> <li>• What is my mix of the spiritual gifts?</li> <li>• What do I value most and least in life?</li> <li>• Do you know your style of; learning, communication, conflict and leadership?</li> <li>• What is my personal creed?</li> <li>• Do I accept myself as I am?</li> <li>• Do You have a “plan” longing for change → purification and sanctification process?</li> <li>• Am I content to myself and my situation? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If not why?</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Do I have truthful or false picture of or about myself ?</li> <li>• <b>Reflect upon your self Image, (your heart) view of God (God’s heart) and your world view (The heart of the world)</b></li> </ul>



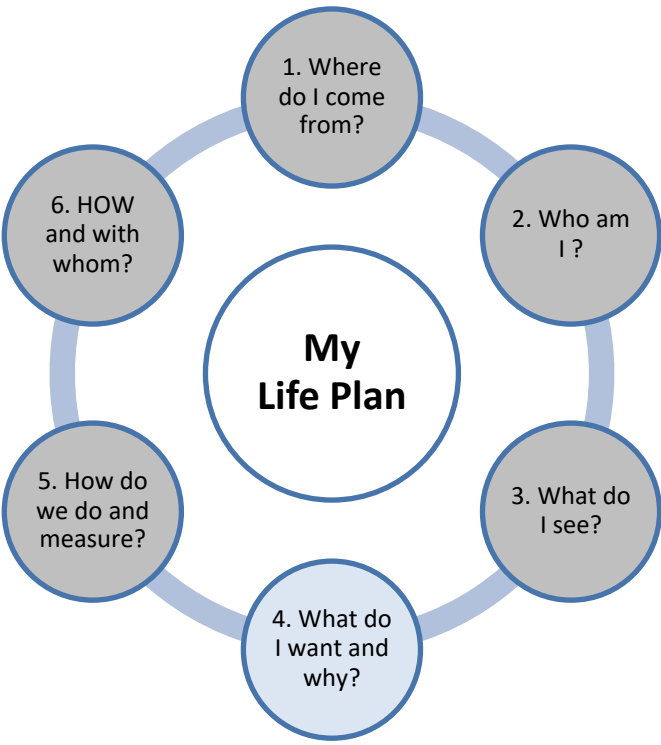
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<p><b>3. TRENDS</b></p> <p><b>MY UNDERSTANDING AND RESPONSIBILITY</b></p> <p><b>WHAT DO I SEE?</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• God said to Jeremiah - What do you see? Jer. 1:11,13</li> <li>• Dan 9:2, Daniel understood that 70 years must pass before the end of desolations of Jerusalem.</li> <li>• Lk 12:56, interpreting the sky, weather, but do we understand the times we are living in?</li> <li>• Go, set a watchman; let him announce what he sees? – Isa. 21:6, 11-12</li> <li>• Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? Jn. 3:10 (do we see and UNDERSTAND)?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do I see while looking around?             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trends, observations and tendencies in society, at work etc.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What does this mean for you in reality linked to decisions and motivation?</li> <li>• Where do I receive my revelation, wisdom and truth in collaboration with the Holy Spirit – Bible, prayer, media or personal relationships?</li> <li>• How do I take responsibility - given the situation described - for my life, my family, work and society?</li> <li>• How do you secure ability to navigate in the Holy Spirit for the future?</li> <li>• What do I pass onto the others?</li> <li>• Do you see the difference between the two trees in the garden of Eden? Tree of Knowledge and Life ?</li> <li>• <b>Do you create or consume a legacy?</b></li> </ul>



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#### 4. My VISION, Purpose and Motivation

### WHAT DO I WANT?

#### Biblical inspiration for reflection

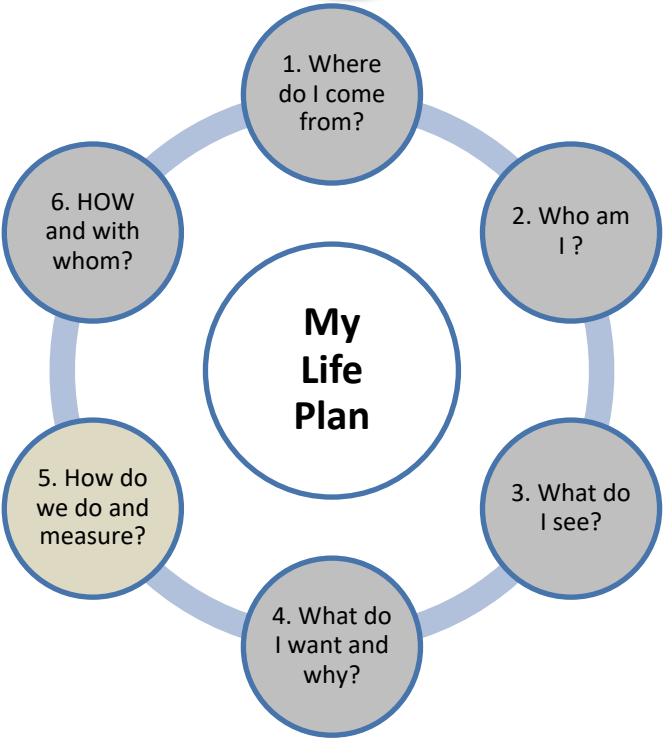
- Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon, I have given to you – Jos 1:3
- What do I want to do, so my life and others will get a greater meaning and make a difference? Why? Neh. 2:3-8
- Jn. 21:15-19; Simon, son of John, **do you love me** more than these? “Feed my lambs” ... “when you were young, you used to dress yourself and **walk wherever you wanted**, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands and **another will dress you** and carry you where you do not want to go” ... And after saying this he said to him **“FOLLOW ME”**.
- For where you go, I will go, and where you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people and your God my God” – Rth 1:16

#### Personal understanding

- What do I dream of for the future?
- What do I want to see happen?
- What motivation do I have, and for what?
- What are my personal drivers and convictions - spiritually and professionally?
- My strategic intentions behind my dreams?
- What opportunities, possibilities and threats do I see in my future?
- What is the biggest joy in my life?
- Will I be ready to suffer to achieve my visions and goals?
- Do I understand that serving is the way to lead and take responsibility?
- What makes me fly and thrive?
- Do I connect my decision making - implementation - to my visions

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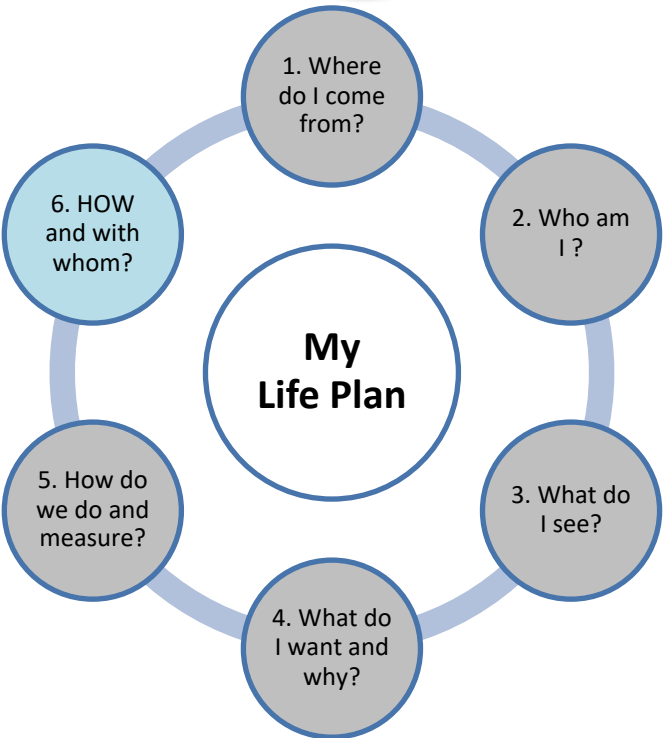


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<p><b>5. WHAT DO I WANT TO DO?</b></p> <p><b>MY OBJECTIVES</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nehemiah – rebuild Jerusalem</li> <li>• Ezra – rebuild temple</li> <li>• Joseph – Preserve the house of Jacob (and Egypt)</li> <li>• Moses – Deliver God’s people from Egypt</li> <li>• Joshua – Conquer the land and divide the land for tribes</li> <li>• Bezalel- A professional craftsman</li> <li>• Peter – “Feed my sheep”</li> <li>• Paul – “Apostle for the gentiles”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What do I want to accomplish and achieve in my life?</li> <li>• Family, work/career and personally?</li> <li>• How do I know that I have arrived?</li> <li>• What is my spiritual dream to see come through?</li> <li>• Do you build your life on the Rock? (Jesus)</li> <li>• What are the indicators to measure towards - So You can navigate and arrive?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Money</li> <li>• Character</li> <li>• Relationships</li> <li>• Skills &amp; knowledge</li> </ul> </li> </ul>





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<p><b>6. HOW DO I DO?</b></p> <p><b>Coordination of existing and needed skills</b></p> <p><b>HOW AND WITH WHOM?</b></p>	<p><b>Detailed instructions from the Lord:</b> Noah / ark, Gideon / battle, Joshua at Jericho, etc.</p> <p><b>Training we have received – professional and Spiritual:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Moses</b> – wisdom of Egypt, meeting God face to face</li> <li>• <b>Paul</b> – Gamaliel as teacher, 14 years with Lord in private</li> <li>• <b>Daniel</b> – special Babylonian training, excellent Spirit (and praying three times a day)</li> </ul> <p><b>Mentoring (fathering and mothering) the next generation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Paul – Timothy</li> <li>• Eli – Samuel</li> <li>• Elijah - Elisha</li> </ul> <p>Career path: David – shepherd -&gt; soldier -&gt; king (see next page)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How do I get the skills I need? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Theoretical knowledge</li> <li>✓ Spiritual wisdom</li> <li>✓ Solid relationships</li> <li>✓ Economy</li> <li>✓ Communication and leadership</li> <li>✓ Digital...</li> </ul> </li> <li>• What education and practise I need?</li> <li>• What character do I need to develop to persevere?</li> <li>• How do I mix my actions in these areas?</li> <li>• Who am I accountable to?</li> <li>• Who will support me? Mentor or/and coach?</li> <li>• Do I have Spiritual fathers and mothers?</li> </ul>

1. Who are you?

2. What do you want?

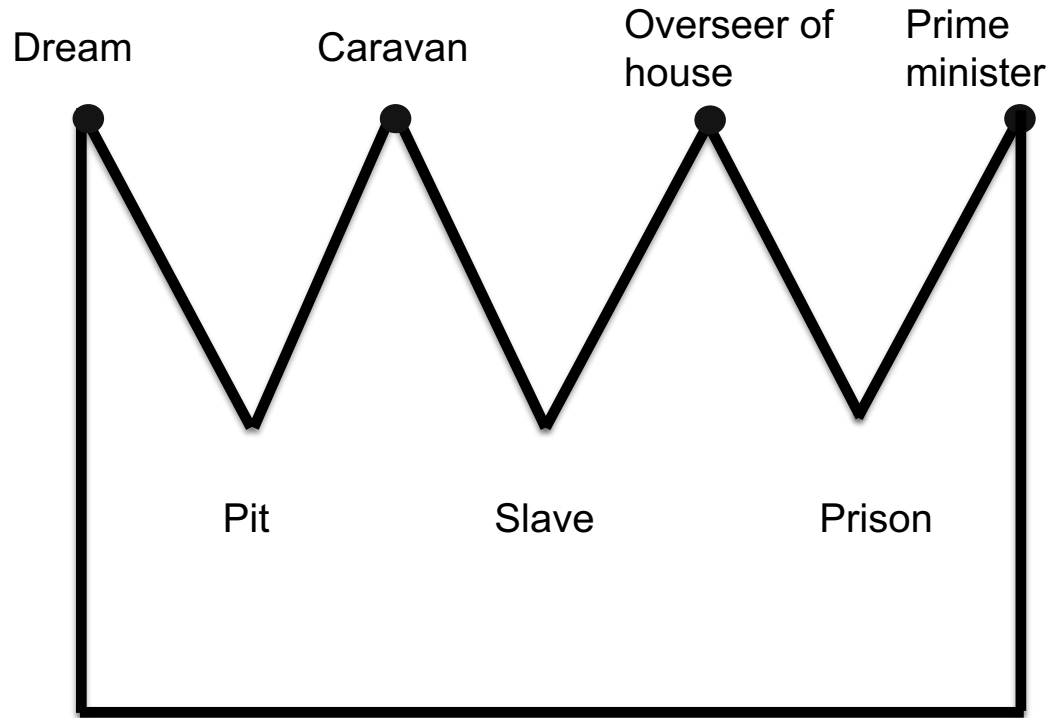
3. Do you control your life?



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# Our life is a journey and God is building our character for His purposes



*Until the time came to fulfill his dreams, the LORD tested Joseph's character.*

*Ps. 105:19, NLT*

