

# turning Sorrow to Success

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*“And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren: and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, Because I bare him with sorrow. 10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou wouldest bless me indeed, and enlarge my coast, and that thine hand might be with me, and that thou wouldest keep me from evil, that it may not grieve me! And God granted him that which he requested.” (1 Chronicles 4:9-10)*

## INTRODUCTION

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### 1. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF JABEZ

- A. Honorable means his \_\_\_\_\_ carried more weight than those around him.

*“He that followeth after righteousness and mercy findeth life, righteousness, and honour.” (Proverbs 21:21)*

*“By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches, and honour, and life.” (Proverbs 22:4)*

- B. He made a name for himself that had \_\_\_\_\_ .

**Quote:** “If honesty, humility, and holiness does not carry sorrow, sorrow will burn through and destroy the vessel it’s in.”

### 2. THE \_\_\_\_\_ OVER JABEZ

- A. Don’t allow the \_\_\_\_\_ of today to dictate the \_\_\_\_\_ that could be tomorrow.
- B. We are too \_\_\_\_\_ to call a tough time or crises a Jabez.



C. Don't make decisions based on \_\_\_\_\_ .

*"And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt rent in pieces."  
(Genesis 37:33)*

*"And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye bereaved of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me."  
(Genesis 42:36)*

D. \_\_\_\_\_ in our lives is inevitable when the present and temporal become dominate over the future and eternal.

WAIT ON THE LORD

*"I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. 14 Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the Lord."  
(Psalm 27:13-14)*

WEIGH OUT THE FACTS

*"He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding; but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly."  
(Proverbs 14:29)*

*"Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."  
(Philippians 3:13-14)*

HE BEGS FOR GUIDANCE

*"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him."  
(James 1:5)*

HE PLEADS FOR GOODNESS

*"And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing."  
(Genesis 12:2)*

## CONCLUSION

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## 3. THE \_\_\_\_\_ FROM JABEZ

A. The \_\_\_\_\_ Jabez Calls On

THE COVENANT GOD

THE CREATOR GOD

THE COMPASSIONATE GOD

B. The \_\_\_\_\_ Jabez Calls With

DESPERATE

DEVOTED

DEPENDENT

C. The \_\_\_\_\_ Jabez Calls For

HE ASKS FOR GRACE

*"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble."  
(James 4:6)*

HE SEEKS FOR GROWTH