

Undone: God's Process for Enacting Potential

To be 'undone' means not done, not performed, or finished... it also means to be detached, unbound, unfastened, or loosened.

Potential is our unused strength, latent ability, and untapped resource. It is everything that you and I can do, that we have not yet done; every feat that we could accomplish, that we have not yet achieved.

In his book, Thinking, Fast and Slow, Daniel Kahneman observes that "we can be blind to the obvious." And "we are also blind to our blindness."

Kahneman's assertion of these two facts of human psychology emerges from a study offered by Christopher Chabris and Daniel Simons in their book The Invisible Gorilla.

Isn't it interesting that what we pay attention to shapes HOW and WHAT we see.

This principle is relevant in the context of enacting potential because what we see (or don't see) expands or limits our potential.

Life is lived on levels and arrived at in stages.

God's Process for enacting potential in our lives involves entering, shaking, and standing as we move from one level and stage to the next. (*James 1:2-4*)

I. Entering

Each stage entered into has different levels or scenes.

Light is critical to accurate sight on each "stage."

Currently, Humanities Curriculum in schools is framed primarily around three concepts: 1) Windows, 2) Mirrors, and 3) Sliding Glass Doors.

The unmentioned factor is that without 'light' what is viewed will be distorted and confused.

God's word is a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path. (*Psalms 119:105*)

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The entrance of God's Word brings light. (*Psalm 119:130*)

Moreover, the bible teaches in *1 John 1:5* that, "God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all."

Not only is God light and His Word light; the bible teaches us that we are the "light of the World." (*Matthew 5:14-16*)

The way that we are trained to see becomes even more critical during times of transition from one season to the next.

II. Shaking

Arrival at each new level or stage is often precipitated by or accompanied with loss and misfortune, or biting.

Acts 28:3-4 (NKJV) Paul is ship wrecked and bitten by a poisonous snake but he is meant to stand before Caesar.

Adversity can take many shapes, is often traumatic, unexpected, and sometimes unearned, BUT it is always God allowed to prepare us for something greater.

Matthew 21 (NKJV) Only after we have spent some time shaking off things that don't belong to us are we qualified to carry what God has for us.

God can do whatever He wants, for whoever He wants, whenever He wants to do it... but he prefers the pre-qualified.

III. Standing

Spiritual standing, like physical standing, is an act of the will, which often shows resolve in the face of great pressure or overwhelming odds.

Ephesians 6:13 (NKJV) Paul's command to stand is exhaustive, meaning it is the last thing to be done after everything else has been done, including standing.

Spiritual standing indicates readiness to proceed with belief, faith, and trust in God even when victory seems uncertain, or defeat is already seemingly inevitable.

Acts 7 (NKJV) When you and I stand by the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Jesus will stand to advance His kingdom – the choice is ours, the results are His.

God measures our effort not against *others* ability, but *our own* capacity and calling.

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