

# Spring Cleaning

As a pastor, I spend a lot of time counseling with people going through difficult times. I see a lot of people struggling at various levels of disappointment. These struggles often hinder their relationship with God in different ways.

I understand that sometimes it's hard to digest or even process some of the things that happen to us. The truth is we all deal with forms of disappointment and what we do with those disappointments determines if they hinder us or not. Today, it's time to clean out some junk that's been lingering around. Stop right now and ask the Lord to show you where you need to do some "Spring Cleaning."

Disappointment is one of the biggest contributors to building doubt or unbelief in your heart. It resides deep within you when it's not dealt with, often rising up at different times to hinder your faith and trust in Him.

Did you know there is a process that happens when disappointment isn't dealt with correctly? When we don't deal with disappointment in a righteous way, it eventually finds a space to occupy in our hearts and hinders us from trusting God.

Disappointment can come through many things:

- Like we've failed because it didn't go exactly the way we planned.
- A decision that we made that seems to be kicking our backside.
- Thoughts of where was God in all this?
- It can come from our own false expectations regarding situations we've found ourselves in because we went into them with "our" own preconceived ideas.
- Through lots of other things that I don't have time to mention but you know exactly what I am talking about!

All of these situations create disappointments which cause something I call "pockets of clutter." What is a "pocket of clutter?" It is something that occupies space God wants to occupy. Its only purpose is to de-rail you, stop you or hinder you from drawing closer to God. Today is the day. I am not saying this. The Lord is saying this.

## **"Giving Me the disappointment"**

I know, I know, you've tried this before. Some of you have tried to give it to him a dozen times and each time some new level of disappointment came along causing you to embrace even more disappointments.

Beloved, there is something different about today. Today, the Lord of Hosts is showing you something you didn't see before. He is present right now in a tender way to help you. It's not just a new day, it's a new way.

It means those pockets of disappointments can be turned over to Him and He is cleaning out that useless pocket of clutter that has been holding up Kingdom space. Can I tell you something? If something is not of God it is working against the purposes of God and it's useless junk taking up Kingdom space!

What is so different today? Hear this, because it isn't me saying it. The Lord says:

*“You are going to be different. You have been steadily growing in Me, but you are about to soar. Look at what I’ve done. You are not who you were a year ago. You are not where you were a year ago or even six months ago. You are at a new place with Me if you just open your eyes and trust Me. I assure you, it is a good place with Me.”*

The Living God, the Creator of all things is asking you to surrender those disappointments over to Him, trusting in Him to turn them into something amazing for His Kingdom.

As I wrote that last line I heard, “The enemy is trying to close in on you. The enemy doesn’t want you to surrender those pockets of disappointments.”

But you know what? We have a Mighty God who will help us at all times for He is God and said He would. We can always depend on Him.

Every day we encounter challenges that can divert us from God’s plan, or temporarily stall us. Disappointments try to hide in spaces that God wants to occupy. It’s in these moments, when we recognize that we have “pockets of disappointments,” that they no longer have power to defeat His plan for us.

Heavenly Father - we willingly surrender these disappointments to you. We ask You to forgive us for allowing these disappointments to take root in our lives. We thank You that You have come to heal us and set us free. We willingly walk in the freedom you have provided for us today. We love you Lord, with all our heart, soul and mind.

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