



DGM Message Summary: “When Failure Becomes an Asset”

Takeaway: Many of us have had costly experiences, but if you learn from them, they can become the most valuable and instructive things in your life and destiny.

Scriptural References:

- Acts 15:36-40
 - Paul and Barnabas disagree over whether Mark should accompany them on their journey. They could not come to agreement, and split off on different journeys.
- Acts 9:1-5
 - Saul was on a mission to destroy all followers of Jesus when he had a radical encounter with God.
- Acts 9:26
 - When Saul first came to Jerusalem, the disciples feared him because of his past actions and failures.
- 2 Timothy 4:11
 - Despite Paul’s original hesitation, Mark earns his trust through dedication and hard work, and proves to be valuable to his ministry.

Key Points:

- Sometimes, we place unrealistic expectations on our spiritual leaders.
- When you have a history of hurting people, you have to be patient with those you wounded.
- Sometimes, God uses others to see what we cannot see.
- If you ever confuse love with trust, you are going to be in serious trouble.
 - Jesus teaches us to love unconditionally, but scripture never tells us to trust unconditionally.
 - Love is unconditional, but trust has to be earned. When you start trusting everyone, you become a fool.

- Time + Test = Trust
- Your next season may not be based on God's love, but whether or not He can trust you.
- You can't live a clean life hanging out with messy people.
- God specializes in turning foes into friends and adversaries into advocates.
- God's the God of the entire universe. He doesn't just move in Church settings. He can deal with some of the most hostile and violent people and get things done in his timing.
- The darker the background, the brighter the sparkle. The darker your world gets, the greater the opportunity you have to shine.
- Sometimes, God can't save people until they are knocked from their high horse to the ground.
 - He may have to knock you down so you can hear.
 - Just because someone is religious does not mean that they know God.
- Just one encounter with the risen King can change everything in your life.
- True repentance shows up first in your heart and then in your life, behavior and deeds.
- Every conflict is not a zero-sum game. It's not about taking sides; it's not about someone's good or bad. Sometimes, we think too highly of ourselves. Two honest people can disagree.
- God sometimes has His own reason for not solving conflicts immediately.
 - God used Paul and Barnabas' disagreement to increase their missionary force.
 - God may have a larger picture in mind, and what the devil intends for evil, God will turn into good.
 - Conflicts aren't always bad. Sometimes, good things can happen out of them if you respond properly.
- Don't let a bad season you went through tarnish the remainder of your life.
 - You can't judge someone based on a season.
- If you learn from the worst seasons of your life, your failure can become your greatest asset.
 - What you did wrong can guide you for the remainder of your life.