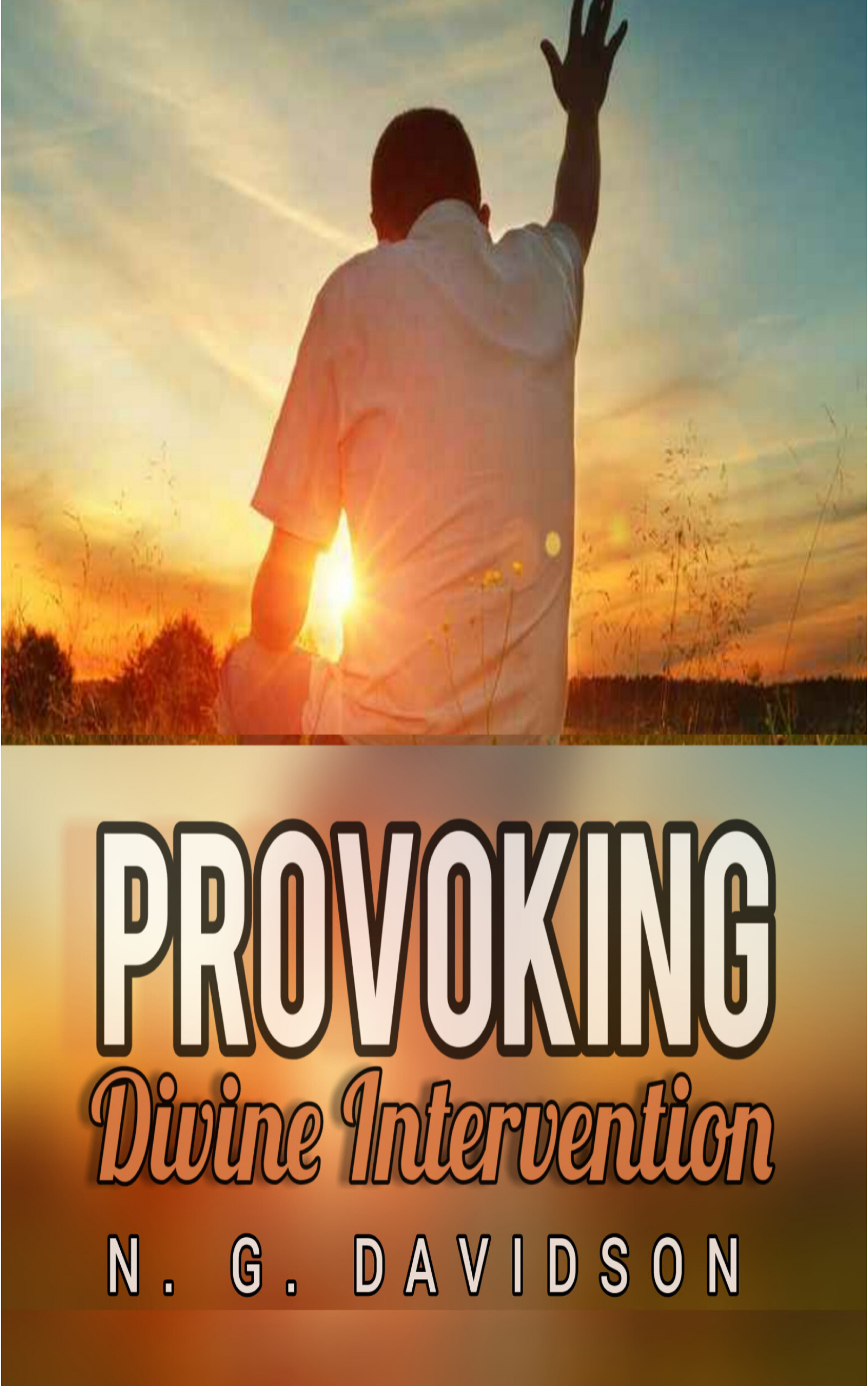

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And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will redeem you with a stretched out arm, and with great judgments: And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God, which

bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. Exodus 6:5-7

Then these men assembled, and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's decree; Hast thou not signed a decree, that every man that shall ask a petition of any God or man within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, which is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the decree that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased with himself, and set his heart on

Daniel to deliver him: and he laboured till the going down of the sun to deliver him. Then these men assembled unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that the law of the Medes and Persians is, That no decree nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed. Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. And a stone was brought, and laid upon the mouth of the den; and the king sealed it with his own signet, and with the signet of his lords; that the purpose might not be changed concerning Daniel. Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting: neither were instruments of musick brought before him: and his sleep went from him. Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went

in haste unto the den of lions. And when he came to the den, he cried with a lamentable voice unto Daniel: and the king spake and said to Daniel, O Daniel, servant of the living God, is thy God, whom thou servest continually, able to deliver thee from the lions? Then said Daniel unto the king, O king, live for ever. My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Then was the king exceeding glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found upon him, because he believed in his God. And the king commanded, and they brought those men which had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions, them, their children,

and their wives; and the lions had the mastery of them, and brake all their bones in pieces or ever they came at the bottom of the den. Daniel 6:11-24

The scriptures above show the mighty intervention of God in the affairs of man. God still intervenes in the affairs of mankind today. Too many testimonies abound in our day about this, and yours will not in any way be different. God will show up no matter the situation. The above Scriptures are just to name a few. God intervened to end the barrenness misery of Hannah in 1 Samuel 1. Jesus whom God sent intervened and healed a sick man who had been sick for 38 years. In another scenerio, he healed a woman with 12 years of hemorrhage, a woman of 18 years arthritis, a man born blind

and even raised back to life a widow woman's dead son about to be buried. If your faith can catch it, Jesus can do it. Jesus can intervene and change your financial story, marital story, etc. He can intervene and fight your battle. God can intervene in any life situations. But first, what is divine intervention?

Divine intervention is God stepping into a situation to bring about a miraculous solution, or deliverance to end an affliction or a reproach.

Why God Intervenes

1 God intervenes to show forth his glory.

And, behold, there came a prophet unto Ahab king of Israel, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver it into thine hand this day; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD. 1 Kings 20:13

God certainly intervenes to prove a point. To show his glorious power. To show that man is not God and can't always have his wicked ways. To let the oppressor know that there is God in heaven who can unstoppably overrule the decisions of human beings on earth, God intervenes. To show to the oppressed that he is God and that there is nothing he cannot do and nothing hard for him to do. God intervenes among other things, to simply show his glory to all men. *That men may know that thou, whose*

name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth. (Psalms 83:18)

2 God intervenes as a response of his great mercy.

And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. And the water was spent in the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not see the death of the child. And she sat over against him, and lift up her voice, and wept. And God heard the voice of the lad; and the angel of God called to Hagar out of

heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad where he is. Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thine hand; for I will make him a great nation. And God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water; and she went, and filled the bottle with water, and gave the lad drink. And God was with the lad; and he grew, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became an archer. Genesis 21:14-20

The mercy of God is great. He is compassionate. He responds sometimes just out of his mercy even when he is not called upon. If that is true, how much more when you cry to him for mercy? Blind Bartimaeus got his ordeal of blindness ended by relentlessly seeking the mercy of Jesus. Jesus thou son of David have mercy on me was his plea (Mk10:46-52). God is merciful: he is the help of the helpless.

3 God intervenes as a faithful protector

And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister: and Abimelech king of Gerar sent, and took Sarah. But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, for the woman which thou hast taken; for she is a man's wife. But Abimelech had not come near her: and he said, Lord, wilt thou slay also a righteous nation? Said he not unto me, She is my sister? and she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and innocency of my hands have I done this. And God said unto him in a dream, Yea, I know that thou didst this in the integrity of thy heart; for I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. Now therefore

restore the man his wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely die, thou, and all that are thine.

God responded swiftly against Abimelech even before he could touch Sarah as Abraham's faithful protector. Being a God to Abraham was enough for him to be a protector and defender of Abraham and all that was his. Much more was the fact that Abraham was the friend of God. God could not help it- he must react against whatever came against Abraham.

4 God intervenes as a God of justice and judgment

And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years. And when the LORD

saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Surely the LORD hath looked upon my affliction; now therefore my husband will love me. And she conceived again, and bare a son; and said, Because the LORD hath heard that I was hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. Genesis 29:30-33

God is a judge. He is the supreme court in heaven to which we can appeal. God judges injustice, wickedness, oppression and bias. He alone looks at the weak and lowly and pass judgment where the world would pervert justice. When God saw that Leah was much hated and Rachel loved, he blessed Leah with fertility.

How to provoke Divine intervention

Divine intervention is not merely wished for. You must do something to provoke it in your situation, or to commit God to your life for his interventions. Divine intervention is a result of man reaching out for God. God's miracles rarely would just happen. You provoke them to happen. Many are in ordeals today who may possibly die with the ordeal without God ever intervening; reason being that they never invited God into the situation. So you must take out practical steps to trigger divine intervention in your matter. Let's see these mighty practical steps below.

1 Covenant:

And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. Genesis 9:15

And I have also heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant. Exodus 6:5

Secure a place in the new covenant in Christ by being born again. This is very important. Covenant is what gets God committed to man. The new covenant in Christ affords you the relationship of being God's child and God's friend. It affords you the offer of having the Holy Spirit by whom you become anointed. These position you for unending divine interventions. As God's child, God is by his

fatherly role towards you committed to your welfare. Jesus said, ...your heavenly father knows you need these things (Mt 6:32). As his friend, the relationship gets deeper. God comes rushing to your case like he did for Abraham, saying he that toucheth thee, toucheth the apple of my eyes (Zach 2:8). And being anointed God takes every assault against you as an insult. He says, ...touch not my anointed one and do my prophets no harm (Ps 105:15). You must give your life to Christ and be born again; if not, divine intervention is far.

2 Revelation knowledge: you must go to the word of God and see God's mind on the subject matter. Meditate continually on the scriptures about God's mind concerning the issue until your faith catch it. Continue absorbing it in until revelation breaks out in the eyes of your understanding, giving you answer to the issue.

Listen to related sermons and read relevant books on the issue you arw facing to heighten your spiritual knowledge to know what you need to know and do what you need to do. Ignorance can't provoke divine intervention.

3 Faith:

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth. Mark 9:23

Build your faith strong and let it come alive on the issue by maintaining the same step above. Boost your faith by listening to other people's testimonies and exercise your faith by taking steps of faith regarding that issue. Take action trusting God. Nothing moves God as a deep trust in him. Without faith you can't see divine intervention. God's power is available but it is your faith that will trigger it in your direction.

His miracle is possible, but it is your faith that makes you a candidate of it. The woman with the issue of blood had her ordeal ended by her steps of faith. Jesus said be it done unto you according to your faith.

4 prayer:

...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much. James 5:16

Prayer is a powerful key to divine intervention. You talk to heaven to secure heaven's intervention. You must pray earnestly, fervently, continually. The effectual fervent prayer of the righteous avails much.

You must pray the prayer of faith. That is praying the prayer of laying hold on and claiming promises rooted in God's word. In such case you must pray with your whole mind holding unto God's word.

You may pray the prayer of warfare, to deal with the spirits and powers that serve as the root cause of the ordeal, using the word of God, revelational light, the blood of Jesus and the fire of God, all in the name of Jesus.

You may pray the prayer of mercy. A cry of mercy unto Jesus by blind Bartimaeus and unto God by Jabez ended their ordeals forever. Mercy may be required for God to step in to your case. You may simply be at fault, with judgment against you, making you worthy of your affliction; or at worst you are simply reaping the consequences of the seeds you sowed. You need mercy. Cry to God for mercy and he will intervene.

You may engage the mystery of fasting to heighten your longing in the spirit. Esther and the Jews engaged in fasting and prayers to

secure God's intervention and God intervened. You see the story in the book of Esther.

You may have to pray the prayer of enquiring from God's Spirit as to know what to do. He will show you what to do, with the end result being a divine intervention.

5 Kingdom service

Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. Daniel 6:16

Daniel's miraculous deliverance was tied to his service to God. Thy God whom thou servest continually, the king said. Serving God commits him to serving your interest. He prunes every branch that bears fruit that it may bear forth more fruits (Jn 15:2). Serving God also means

service. Find something you are doing for God. Work for him.

And ye shall serve the LORD your God, and he shall bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee.There shall nothing cast their young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil. Exodus 23:25-26

6 Innocency

My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: forasmuch as before him innocency was found in me; and also before thee, O king, have I done no hurt. Daniel 6:22

Innocency is a sure way to see the hand of God. God is a judge he never will fight for the guilty. Clean hands and a pure heart are what trigger

divine intervention. Draw God's attention to the injustice and God will come intervening.

7 Good works

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the LORD will deliver him in time of trouble. The LORD will preserve him, and keep him alive; and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the will of his enemies. The LORD will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness. Psalms 41:1-3

The power of good works to secure God's favour, miracles and intervention cannot be overemphasized. Your goodness to others provokes God's goodness to you. That is true because what you exude you attract. Goodness attracts goodness. Scripture is littered with

many examples of those who attracted divine intervention by good works.

The widow of Zarephath had her lack and want turned to abundance when she shared the last portion of her meal with a hungry man of God. The Shunnamite woman brought her barrenness to an everlasting end when she build a small lodge for a man of God to rest his head. Good works brought Dorcas back to life. When she would have been buried, all the widows and people she did good to could not stand missing her. They had to send for Peter who when he came raised her back to life. Hezekiah pleaded with God, among other things, that he had done that which was good in God's sight. And God had mercy on him and added fifteen more years to his expired life span. The truth remains that doing good as a

child of God gives you a place in God's heart for intervention.

But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Hebrews 13:16

8 Remove all hindrances

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me: *Psalms 66:18*

Finally, remove all hindrances to divine intervention such as hatred, unforgiveness, double-mindedness, bitterness, malice, anger, wickedness and sin. Restitute where you have to. Confess your sins. And check that you are not missing it on God's will and repent and return to God appropriately. It was when David went astray that he was afflicted, but when he returned, his affliction came to an end. The LORD greatly bless you in Jesus name. Amen.