

Blessed – The Blessing of Clarity

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Scripture Focus: Genesis 12:2 (NASB 1995)

Summary

Pastor Mike Jr shares with us the blessing of clarity; understanding who God called you to *be*, not just what He's called you to *do*. Clarity is heaven's confirmation of identity. It reveals that God begins His blessing with "I will make you," because before He multiplies what's around you, He matures what's within you. The blessing of clarity is the moment you stop pretending, stop comparing, and start being.

Recap: Blessed – In the Zone

Genesis 12:1–3 (NASB 1995) — "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you."

Repetition breeds revelation.

The more you revisit a word or lesson, the more it's revealed to you.

Example: *Mary had a little lamb*; each time you say it, you catch a new revelation:

1. Mary *possessed* something.
 2. What she possessed was *little*.
 3. It's not what it's going to be; it's *something becoming something*.
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Core Recap Themes

- **Blessed doesn't equal possessions; it equals position.**
Being blessed isn't about having more; it's about *being more*.
- **Before Abram received the promise, he had to leave three things:**
 1. Comfort
 2. Control

3. Comparison

Barrier	Definition	Statement
Comfort	The urge to stay where it's safe	"I'll stay where it's familiar."
Control	The need to understand before moving	"I'll move when it makes sense."
Comparison	Measuring your progress against others	"I'll go when I can keep up."

Once you begin to compare, you compromise.

- **The blessing often comes through subtraction.**
God removes what doesn't fit the next version of you.

Growth \neq gain. In God's kingdom, growth = pruning.

- **John 15:2:**
"He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful."

Anything you've lost in this season might not be *lost*. It might have been *taken* because it wasn't *valuable*.

Some of us are carrying **visible but not valuable** people or things.

"You didn't lose it; God took it.

He didn't take it because of where you are; He took it because of where you're going."

- **Before every major promotion in scripture, there was subtraction.**
 - Abraham left his country.
 - Gideon reduced his army.
 - Jonah was thrown off a boat.
 - Jesus lost followers before resurrection.

Sometimes God wants to do *more* with *less*.

Growth Zones Recap

Zone	Description	Mindset
Comfort Zone	Where you feel safe but stay the same	“At least I know what to expect.”
Fear Zone	Where excuses sound reasonable	“What if I fail?”
Learning Zone	Faith replaces formulas	“I don’t know how, but I know Who.”
Growth Zone	Calling becomes character	“I was made for this.”
Glory Zone	Development becomes declaration	“This was God all along.”

“You didn’t fall off; you fell up.”
Leaving *comfort* is the beginning of *clarity*.

The Blessing of Clarity

Leaving Control

- **Control:** The need to manage outcomes instead of trusting God’s process.

Control makes you think faith means understanding.
But faith means *obeying* when you don’t.
Abraham didn’t have a *map*, he had a *word*.

You won’t always get *details*. You’ll get *direction*.

Leaving Comparison

- **Comparison:** Measuring your blessing against someone else’s journey.

Comparison poisons contentment.
It makes you doubt what God’s doing in you because of what you see in them.

You can't be blessed trying to be *better than*.
God doesn't bless *competition*. He blesses *completion*.

"Many people miss what God is doing because they're busy trying to beat others in a race God never called them to run."

- We can't compare because we didn't start at the same time.
Set your own pace.
Focus on being the best version of yourself.

"Be better than the you that may cost you the future you."

Some people are comparing seasons on social media, chasing aesthetics, not authenticity.

They're not just victims; they're *victimizing their own walk*.

The only place in the Bible God encourages competition is in Heaven; when angels give God *antiphonal praise* (call and response).

Foundation Check — The Blueprint of Blessing

"You can't carry the weight of a blessing with the weakness of a poor foundation."

Some people aren't under-blessed because they're living wrong. It's because their **foundation** can't hold what they're praying for.

Example: *Jenga Game*. The structure collapses not from the top, but because you pulled too much from the bottom.

If you don't fix what people *can't see*, it'll start showing up where they *can*.

"God wants to bless you, but your foundation can't hold it."

Before God gives you something greater, He'll test your foundation.

- Before God gives you *this* blessing, He'll test you with *that* challenge.
- Passing *this* test prepares you for *that* assignment.

"Some people keep failing the test and blaming the devil for what their choices created."

Identity Before Activity

Genesis 12:2 (NASB 1995) — “I will make you a great nation.”

God begins every blessing with *identity*, not *activity*.
He’s not telling Abraham *what to do*; He’s telling him *who to become*.

“You’re not a human doing —> you’re a human being.”

- You’re not saved because you worked for God; you’re saved because you *walked with* God.
- God’s priority is your being, not your doing.
- If you cease to be, your doing becomes ineffective.

PMJ quote:

“You do what they do, but when you do it, it’s different.
They can try to do your do, but they can’t do it like you do,
because your do is wrapped in your being
and they’re not being what you’re being when nobody sees what you do.”

You don’t need to chase being known. You need to chase *being made*.

Before God gives a **name**, He gives a **nature**.

Before He multiplies you **publicly**, He matures you **privately**.

Elevation & Exposure

“It’s impossible for God to elevate you and hell not recognize you.”

When God elevates you, your visibility increases and so does your warfare.
Sometimes, He delays elevation not because you’re unworthy, but because your **foundation** isn’t ready.

“God, before You blow me up, build me up.”

Biblical pattern:

- Before David wore a crown, he carried a harp.
- Before Moses led people, he led sheep.

- Before Abraham followed the many, he followed the One.
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The Blessing of Clarity

- **Clarity:** Heaven's confirmation of who you are.
It's when God helps you see *you* the way He sees *you*.

When you know who you are, no one can talk you out of it.

- God will never bless who you pretend to be.
He blesses the authentic version of who He designed.

“Clarity doesn't reveal direction; it reveals distinction.”

Distinction: Being *different* on purpose.
Different isn't negative; it's *necessary*.

- Clarity requires **separation**.
Sometimes God clears your path by clearing your circle.
- You can't walk in divine clarity while holding onto divided loyalty.

Some people are more loyal to their *church* than to *God*.

- Clarity isn't about what to *do next*, it's about who to *be next*.

“You're asking God for clarity on the plan. He's giving you clarity on the person.”

When Help Hurts

God's help doesn't always look like help.
Sometimes His help *hurts*.

“He won't tell you to put your hand up. He'll hit you until you realize you need to put it up.”

Every time He gives you instruction, you hesitate.
Every time He gives you pain, you run to Him.

There's a difference between *hell* and *help*.
Some are catching hell not realizing it's actually help.

Example:

- A parent says, “Don’t touch the stove — it’s hot.”
You touch it, get burned, and learn through *pain* what you could’ve learned through *listening*.

“David wouldn’t have become king if his family never hurt his feelings.”

“God hurt Gideon to help Gideon see himself differently.”

Sometimes what feels like loss is just God giving you *clarity about who you’re becoming*.

Definition Section

Word	Meaning	Application
Blessed (Barak)	To kneel, empower, prosper, or speak well of.	Humility, empowerment, purpose alignment.
Control	The need to manage outcomes instead of trusting God’s process.	Faith means obeying, not understanding.
Comparison	Measuring your progress against others.	Comparison poisons contentment.
Clarity	Heaven’s confirmation of identity.	Seeing yourself as God sees you.
Foundation	The unseen structure that sustains blessing.	If you don’t fix what’s beneath, what’s above will fall.
Distinction	God’s unique mark on your life.	Being different is your divine design.

Put Scripture On It – Supporting Verses

- **Genesis 12:2** – “I will make you a great nation.”
- **John 15:2** – Pruning leads to fruitfulness.
- **Proverbs 3:5-6** – Trust in the Lord; do not lean on your understanding.

- **Romans 8:28** – All things work together for good.
 - **Philippians 1:6** – He who began a good work will complete it.
 - **1 Samuel 16:13** – David anointed before appointed.
 - **Isaiah 43:19** – God is doing a new thing.
 - **2 Corinthians 12:9** – His strength is made perfect in weakness.
 - **James 1:2–4** – Trials build endurance and maturity.
 - **Luke 16:10** – Faithful in little, ruler over much.
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Reflection Questions

1. What area of my life am I still trying to control instead of surrendering?
 2. How have I confused faith with understanding?
 3. What am I currently comparing that's distracting me from my lane?
 4. Where is God testing my foundation right now?
 5. Have I been chasing doing over being?
 6. What's one "painful help" moment that gave me clarity?
 7. How has God separated me this season to show me distinction?
 8. Am I building my identity around my calling or His character?
 9. What old mindset do I need to release to receive new clarity?
 10. How am I honoring who I'm becoming instead of who I've been?
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Action Steps

1. **Pause and Reflect:** Ask God to show you where control has replaced trust.
2. **Detach from Comparison:** Log off if you need to — your lane is yours.
3. **Repair Your Foundation:** Work on what people can't see (character, prayer life, discipline).
4. **Be, Don't Just Do:** Prioritize presence over performance.
5. **Embrace the Pruning:** Don't mourn what God removed; thank Him for the space He made.
6. **Check Your Loyalty:** Make sure your devotion is to God, not titles or platforms.
7. **Pray for Clarity, Not Comfort:** Ask God to make you, not just move you.
8. **Celebrate Distinction:** Stop dimming your difference.
9. **Document God's Help:** Journal what hurt but healed you.
10. **Stay Ready:** Build before the blessing shows up.

Five-Day Devotional – “The Blessing of Clarity”

Day 1 – Be Before You Do

Scripture: Genesis 12:2

Focus: God starts with identity, not activity.

Prayer: “Lord, help me rest in being before I rush into doing.”

Day 2 – The Pain of Help

Scripture: Romans 8:28

Focus: God’s help sometimes hurts.

Prayer: “Help me see pain as preparation, not punishment.”

Day 3 – Release Control

Scripture: Proverbs 3:5-6

Focus: Faith means following without all the details.

Prayer: “God, I surrender my need to know and trust Your flow.”

Day 4 – No More Comparison

Scripture: Galatians 6:4

Focus: Run your race; set your pace.

Prayer: “Lord, keep my eyes on my assignment.”

Day 5 – Clarity Reveals Distinction

Scripture: Isaiah 43:19

Focus: God uses clarity to confirm difference.

Prayer: “Show me how my difference glorifies You.”

Reflection

Now why PMJ had to go do me like that! There's too much to even grasp. But what's really sitting on my heart is this — God is not telling you what to do, He's telling you who to be. He ain't have to come for my jugular like that! But like he said, the hell that you're catching ain't all hell — it's God sending help. And that's exactly what He did in this sermon.

Clarity has always been my thing. I've always felt like when you know better, you do better. When you know what you're working with, you can make better decisions. So for me, this was a real growth moment.

I have a thing I do every month — I go to the beach, meditate, talk to God, and have what I call my “Holy Trinity Intervention.” I look at where I was, where I am, and where I want to be. Lately, I've been hitting this mental block that's been keeping me from moving to the next level. And it just hit me — I've been through the mud, I've learned all the lessons from the hell/help that was sent. Now it's time to *grow* in that space.

The reflection needs to grow too. It's no longer about *what do I need to do next*, it's *who do I need to be next*. Because I already know what needs to be done — I just need to tap into becoming the version of me that can knock it out. I need to sit in the clarity that God's already given me about who I am and unlock that block by allowing myself to hear from Him about who that really is.

Last month my devotional was about embracing me — embracing all the gifts God has blessed me with. But now I see it's not just about embracing *what* He gave me, it's about embracing *who* He designed me to be.

And funny enough, this brings me back to my very first business coach. She gave me an assignment I ran from. She told me to write a “*To Be List*.”

I guess it's finally time for me to do that homework assignment.

But this time, with God directing the pen.