

# THE STAFF OF GOD

Heb 11:21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of Joseph's son, and worshiped as he leaned on the top of his staff.

By faith not by feeling! Many people still walk by feeling.

How can you lean on the staff while worshipping and praying the same time? He is old, had a hand on each of the sons head and still lean on the staff.

In those days when the young Jewish boy came of age he got a staff and every time something happened in their life they would put a notch in the staff at the bottom as to record the event.

Things happen in our life's that we tend to forget if we don't record them.

Exodus 4:2-3 Then the LORD said to him, "what is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. The LORD said, "throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it.

The staff has incredible memory for the one who holds it. It represents his life and the miracles and experiences that he has with God.

1 Sam 17:40 Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

Psalms 23:4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me, your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You have got to keep leaning on the top of the staff where the new experiences are not at middle or bottom where the old experiences are.

2 Kings 4:27-32 when she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why." "Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said, "Didn't I tell you, 'don't raise my hopes'?" Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy's face." But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So he got up and followed her. Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened." When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch.

You cannot expect to run on other people's experienced and encounters. You need your own experiences and encounters.

## How can we continue the success of the transition?

1. Receive Ps Kev and Anne and their words.  
1 Thess 2:13
2. Faithfully attend.  
Heb 10:25 don't forsake the assembly
3. Seek to serve the Pastor's vision.  
Phil 2:5-7 have the attitude to serve.  
Don't seek position or attention
4. Don't criticize.  
If you have a problem, take it to the throne not the phone!
5. Honour the people he delegates to.  
John 13:20 who ever accepts anyone I send accepts me
6. Flow with his vision.  
1 Sam 14:7 Jonathans armour bearer said "do all that you want to do.  
I am with you heart and soul"  
Don't be caught sitting in the "I" chair.
7. Walk in love with one another.  
Phil 2:2 make my joy complete one is spirit and purpose.
8. Give faithfully
9. Bring people to church  
Don't invite them bring them
10. Stay put.  
Psalm 92:12-14 Those who are planted in the house of God will flourish