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Positioned by God, Not
by Chance**

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“SET FREE BY THE WORD”

The Year of Advancement & Establishment

Isaiah 54:2-3



Theme: The Year of Advancement and Establishment

- **Reference:** Isaiah 54:2–3 (NKJV)
- "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let them stretch out the curtains of your dwellings; do not spare; lengthen your cords, and strengthen your stakes. For you shall expand to the right and to the left, and your descendants will inherit the nations, and make the desolate cities inhabited."

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Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV)

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OPENING ILLUSTRATION



Many people look back over their lives and quietly ask, “How did I end up here?”



Some see detours they did not plan, doors that closed unexpectedly, or seasons that took longer than expected.



Despite careful planning and sincere effort, life did not unfold the way they imagined.




In moments like these, the heart longs not for better control, but for assurance that Christ is still directing the journey.

INTRODUCTION

- Believers often struggle with positioning because we mistake planning for leading and effort for alignment.
- We make plans, yet feel unsettled when outcomes differ. Scripture reminds us that advancement in God's Kingdom is never accidental.
- The Bible is clear: while we plan, Christ directs. Our steps are not random, our seasons are not wasted, and our placement is not a mistake when Jesus is Lord.
- "God's Word does not only show us the problem—it shows us what to do, and reveals Christ as the One who enables us."

1. God Orders Steps Intentionally

- “A man’s heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.” Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV)
 - “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28 (NKJV)
 - God does not merely observe our lives—He directs them. Planning is human responsibility, but direction belongs to the Lord.
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1. God Orders Steps Intentionally cont...

- **Romans 8:28** assures us that God works all things, including delays, detours, and disappointments, into His redemptive purpose.
- Jesus Himself walked intentionally toward the cross, not by accident, but by divine design.
- When believers surrender control to Christ, obedience becomes possible—not because we understand everything, but because we trust the One who leads.

2. Position Precedes Promotion

- “The king loved Esther more than all the other women, and she obtained grace and favor in his sight more than all the virgins; so he set the royal crown upon her head and made her queen instead of Vashti.” Esther 2:17 (NKJV)
- Before Esther wore a crown, she was positioned. God placed her in preparation long before promotion came.
- Scripture reveals that divine promotion follows divine positioning, not personal ambition.



2. Position Precedes Promotion cont...



Jesus Himself spent thirty years in obscurity before stepping into public ministry.



Hidden seasons are not wasted seasons—they are forming seasons.



When believers submit to Christ's positioning, promotion comes without striving, because God lifts those He has prepared.

CONCLUSION

God orders your steps.

God positions before He promotes.

And Christ stands at the center of it all—not only as the example, but as the power that enables obedience.

You are not where you are by chance. You are where you are because Christ is at work, aligning, shaping, and preparing you for what lies ahead.

STRONG CALL TO ACTION

Today, release the need to control outcomes.

Trust Christ with your steps.

Surrender your timeline to His wisdom.

Return to obedience where He has placed you.

Do not resist the position—embrace it in Christ.

“Do not leave inspired—leave obedient, anchored in Christ.”

- **Prayer, Denouncing and renouncing, Affirmation, and Prophetic Utterance**



CLOSING PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, I acknowledge that You are the Author and Director of my life.

Today, I surrender my plans, my timing, and my understanding into Your hands.

Order my steps according to Your will, align me with Your purpose, and position me where Your grace can fully work in me.

I trust You completely, knowing that You are faithful to lead me into all that You have prepared for me. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DECLARATIONS

I declare that my steps are ordered by the Lord.

I declare that I am positioned by God, not by chance.

I declare that every season of my life is working together for my good in Christ.

I declare that I walk in divine alignment and godly timing.

I declare that Christ leads me, establishes me, and promotes me according to His will.

I declare that I will not strive in my own strength, but trust in the direction of the Lord.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

The End!



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