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THE PATH TO Change

THE PATH OF GOD'S BLESSING

1 CHRONICLES 4:9-10 (NKJV)

Now, Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed...and enlarge my territory...that Your hand would be with me...and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So, God granted him what he requested.

I. HEAVEN TRUMPS EARTH.

TRUTH: How we begin life doesn't have to be how we end.

INSIGHT: Biblically your name was you, defining your future.

TRUTH: It is right to ask God to bless you and change the trajectory of your life for good.

INSIGHT: Jabez asked God to change the course of his life from a life of pain to a life of blessing.

TRUTH: To be blessed by God is to have his supernatural favor (Proverbs 10:22 LB).

TRUTH: There is a life that invites God's blessing and life that misses it... the determiner is asking (1 Chronicles 4:10).

II. GOD ENLARGING YOUR REACH

INSIGHT: Jabez wanted more influence and opportunity to make his life count for God.

III. GOD'S HAND

INSIGHT: You know you've been blessed when you know it's a God-thing not a you-thing, and if God leaves you can't sustain it (2 Corinthians 3:4-6 NLT).

IV. GOD'S FENCE

TRUTH: Many who do much in the name of God don't fail, they fall.

INSIGHT: Success tends to blind people of the constant need of God's protection.

CLOSING:

1. The Prayer of Jabez isn't health and wealth.
2. It's not self-centered. We ask to be blessed, so we can do more, give more, be more for God.
3. Jabez left how, when, and where he was blessed to God.