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Last week ([Click here to view article](#)), we concluded that Grace flows not only from your direct connection with God but also from your connection with men and women acquainted with God. .. those I call the carriers of Grace.

Who are carriers of Grace?

These are men and women who have established a relationship with God and entered into God's presence. Secondly, they have learnt to cultivate His presence so much that they have understood what their God given life purpose is and have wholeheartedly accepted to actualize it. Thirdly, they have over a number of years demonstrated consistently that they are willing and are indeed paying the price and making the sacrifices required to achieve God's purpose for their lives.



Many examples exist, but such man I would refer to here is Joseph. He was the eleventh of twelve sons, from a polygamous home and he lost his mother at a tender age. It appears that many odds were against him as he had his fair share of 'sibling rivalry' which saw him into slavery but turns out to be his journey into unprecedented achievement. The point here is, irrespective of our backgrounds and struggles, we can become carriers of grace as long as we establish a solid relationship with God.

And his master (Joseph's) saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.

Genesis 39:3 KJV

Carriers of grace display clear evidences of grace upon their lives and pass this virtue on to their close associates. He had been brought 'down' to Egypt, and had become a slave, however these seemingly external negativities did not diminish the evidences of grace upon his life, rather they made it more distinct and remarkable!

Joseph understood his life purpose, and he kept his dreams alive and pursued it despite all hostilities against him on account of those aspirations. Carriers of grace are not deterred by 'bumps in the way', as God did not promise a smooth sail but a safe landing.

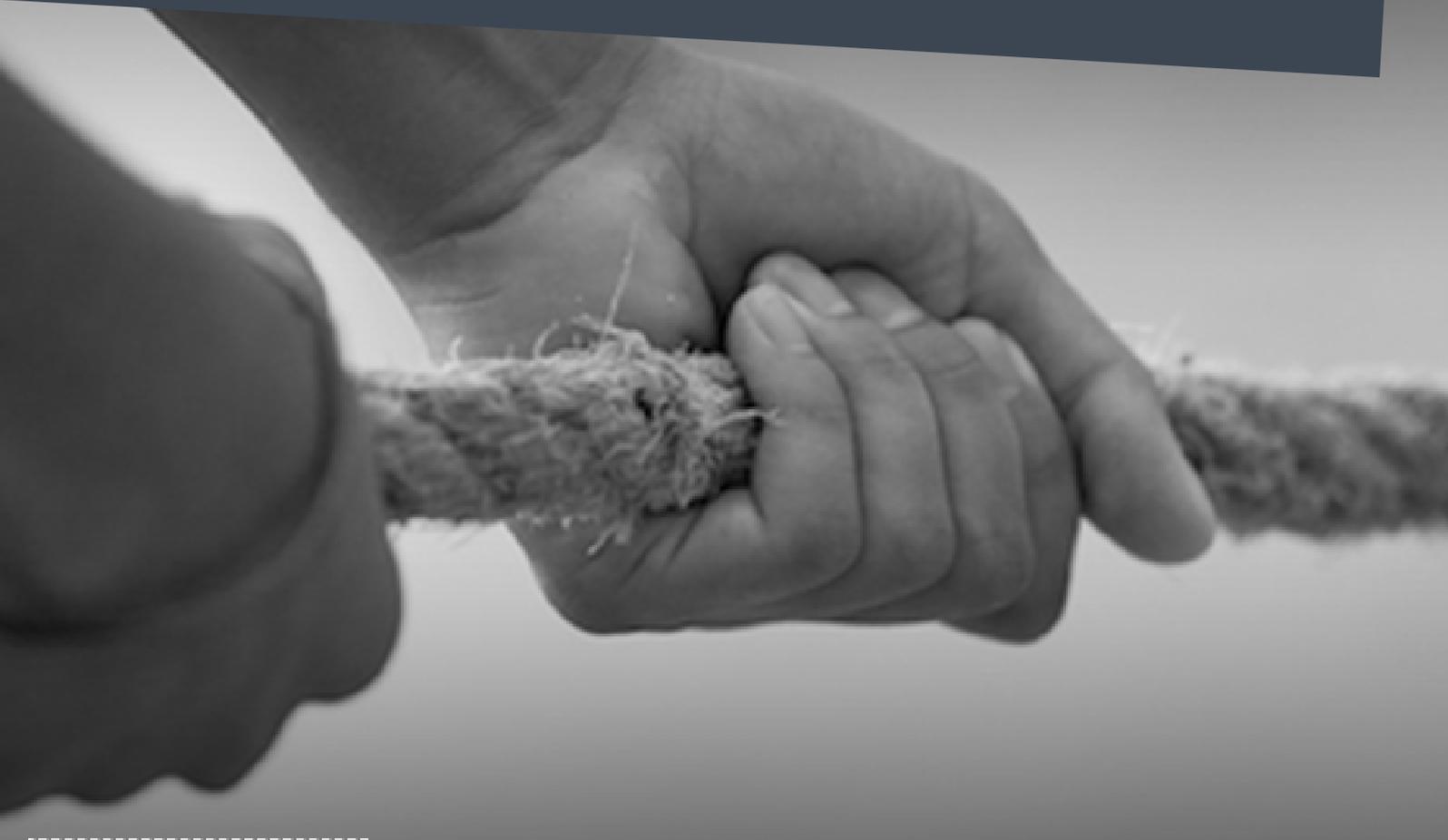
And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them. And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house: and Joseph lived an hundred and ten years.

Genesis 50:19-22 KJV

It is very tempting to hold offenses when you are supposed to help people who have misbehaved in the past. Carriers of grace are blessed to be a blessing to others, it is part and parcel of their life's purpose, and when they fall into the temptation to withhold that blessing, they often truncate the grace upon their lives. That explains why those who have learnt this secret, keep at it despite oppositions and ingratitude from recipients. Tough, but it keeps grace flowing upon their lives. This leads to the factor of sacrifice, the critical success factor for carriers of grace.

How can one benefit from a carrier of grace? I would say first and foremost : connection. Joseph and his brothers. They found themselves in Goshen, preserved from severe famine despite their lack of preparation. David and Jonathan: the descendant of Jonathan ate continually at the Kings table and his inheritance was preserved despite the premature death of his father. Abraham and lot : he (lot) became prosperous, and preserved from evil on account of his relationship with his uncle, Abraham.

We must however understand that connections with carriers of grace is not the only prerequisite to benefiting from this connection. We must identify the factors required for the grace upon their lives to flow to us. These factors are usually varied ; not one size fits all, however in all cases it requires consistent service. Elisha served Elijah, and he received a double portion of the grace upon his life. The apostles walked and served Jesus , and mere fishermen became prominent.





The critical success factor of benefiting from carriers of grace is **diligence**.

Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

Proverbs 22:29 *King James Version (KJV)*

The decision is yours to make: become diligent and choose your connections carefully, then you enter into a life of grace. And better still, become a carrier of grace!





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