

Sacredly Written Sermon Notes

Capturing Heaven's Downloads, One Message at a Time

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Scripture Focus

Genesis 37:5

"Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him all the more."

Sermon Summary

Pastor Mike Jr.'s sermon "**Ninjas**" reveals how hidden enemies often disguise themselves as supporters, silently plotting against your purpose. Through the lives of Joseph and Job, he reminds us that every confetti moment comes with conspiracy, and only those with character, capacity, and devotion can carry the weight of true elevation.

The Ninja Spirit: Foes in Disguise

Definition of a Ninja:

- Someone who moves in silence.
- They study your every move—not to support you, but to stop you.
- They don't clap. They copy.
- They are not fans—they are **foes in disguise**.
- Their mission is sabotage... without ever showing their face.

Characteristics:

- They move in silence.
- The enemy isn't always loud.
- Surveillance over celebration.
- Some people watch your every move—not because they like you, but because they're looking for your fall.

Be careful of people who celebrate you publicly but want to **be you privately**.

Misplaced Trust

Biblical Examples:

- **Samson** trusted Delilah with his strength—and she sold him out.
- **David** trusted Ahithophel—and he switched sides to the enemy.
- **Jesus** loved Judas—and Judas still betrayed Him.

Key Truths:

- Stop giving trust to people who haven't earned it.
- Your next win isn't for everybody.
- **Attendance ≠ Access.**
- Not everyone in the room has earned a key.
- Jesus understood the difference between **access** and **assignment**.

Confetti vs Conspiracies

- Public celebration doesn't reveal private struggle.
- The paradox of elevation:
 - The world sees your win (*confetti*)
 - But they miss the weight you carry (*conspiracy*)

Anthropological Duality:

- Public you: smiles through it.
- Private you: on the brink of a crash.
 - That's why people don't understand you.

Capacity vs. Calling

- Some hurt comes not from haters, but from those who can't handle the weight of who you are.
- "You do too much" = you make them uncomfortable.

"I need people with character and capacity."

- Some of us are carrying relationships that were good for our **season** but not for our **calling**.
- They're not evil—just overwhelmed.
- God delayed the blessing because you didn't have the **capacity** to carry it yet.

"How do I manage all that's on my plate?"

→ *I got capacity for the weight and the win.*

The Weight of the Win

- Everyone wants your glory, but not your grind.
- With every win comes weight.

Psalm 55:12-14 – Betrayal Hurts Deeper When It's Close

- *"If an enemy were insulting me, I could endure it... but it's you, my close friend..."*
- The deepest wounds come from the closest people.
- Betrayal is not always from bad **character**—sometimes it's from low **capacity**.
- Example: A 10-liter person hanging with a 1-liter person.
 - They can love you, but they can't carry you.

Proximity Warfare: Enemies in Your Circle

- Ninjas don't want to walk with you. They want to walk **like** you—or bring you down.
- They don't clap. They copy.
- They repurpose your wins, borrow your brilliance, and hope you burn out.

These are not fans. They are foes in disguise.

→ Wolves in worship clothes.

Proximity Warfare Defined

- It's not warfare from the outside—it's warfare **within your circle**.
- The most dangerous strikes come from **close range**.

Biblical Examples:

- Judas
- Delilah
- Absalom

It's not the strength of their strike—it's the closeness.

Society's Obsession: Confetti Over Character

- We celebrate public wins but ignore private foundations.
- Many crash publicly because they're empty privately.
- Public praise without **private devotion** = self-destruction.

Public Praise vs. Private Devotion

- When your **devotion** is strong, your **confetti** won't crush you.
- Ask yourself: "Is my circle spiritually tapped in?"
- When the conspiracy becomes public, tapped-in people already know.

Confetti = Wins

Conspiracies = Losses

"I'm done giving passes to people who stab me in private and post me in public."

The Devil's Strategy: Distractions or Blessings?

- If he gives you a **problem**, you run to God.
- If he gives you a **check**, you keep it to yourself.

You're praying when you're losing...

But missing God when you're winning.

- Watch how you pray.
- Your true test isn't **loss**—it's how you handle **prosperity**.

Adversity & Prosperity Are Both Tests

- *Job is the blueprint.*
- **Job 1:13–21** → Lost everything but never sinned.

13 One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, **14** a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, **15** and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" **16** While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" **17** While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, "The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" **18** While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, "Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, **19** when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!" **20** At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship **21** and said: "Naked I came from my mother's womb, and naked I will depart. The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised."

- Adversity tests **faith**.
- Prosperity tests **focus**.

Job's friends couldn't believe his innocence.

→ Some folks think hardship means you're wrong.

When God Brags On You

"I'm not catching hell because I did wrong.

I'm catching hell because God is proving to the devil I won't fold."

- The devil already tried Job.
- God had a hedge of protection.
- The conspiracy was already in motion—but **God was keeping him**.

Though He slay me...

Secret Place Protection

- You want to win? **Get to your secret place**.
- Joseph is the model of **confetti & conspiracy**.

Matthew Henry says:

"His story is so remarkably divided between his humiliation and his exaltation, that we cannot avoid seeing something of Christ in it."

James Montgomery Boice calls Joseph a man for all seasons:

- Loved & hated
- Favored & tempted
- Trusted & betrayed
- Exalted & abused

→ But he **never lost focus** on God.

Adversity vs. Prosperity – The True Test

The real test isn't what you do **when you lose**...

→ It's what you do **when you win**.

Focus is choosing what deserves your energy.

→ Especially when life is trying to either bless or break you.

Loneliness in Leadership

- Some people are in the room—but you don't know if they're in agreement.

You feel lonely because:

- You have people to call—but can't rely on.
- You trust them—but don't know if they trust you.

Loneliness isn't about being alone—it's about not knowing who's **for** you.

Misplaced Trust & Spiritual Maturity

- Elevation becomes a curse when you're seen by many but secure in nothing.

"How can strangers see me clearer than my circle?"

- *David's example:*
→ His own father didn't see him as king material.

"Don't chase what you haven't been shaped for."

- David went back to the **field** because God was forming him **before** the crown.

"The spotlight will expose what the secret place didn't fix."

Elevation Exposes You

- People see your **wins**, not your **wounds**.
- Elevation brings:
 - Opinions
 - Pressure
 - Warfare

Formation Before Elevation

- People saw David fight Goliath—but didn't see:
 - The rejection
 - The loneliness
 - The pressure

Elevation without formation leads to **frustration**.

- You need:
 - Spiritual disciplines
 - Devotion
 - Emotional maturity

The Weight of Success

- If you haven't been formed—emotionally, mentally, spiritually—you **won't have the capacity** to carry success.

“You're not under attack from the devil—you're suffocating under your **own wins**.”

It's lonely at the top—but **you're not alone**.

The Weight of Favor

- God can't give you **confetti** without confirming your **conspiracy**.
- You qualify for confetti because you stayed focused.

“I'm in my Job season.”

- Job teaches us the language:
 - “God, I still trust you.”

Job: Surviving Silence

- Every win you see is built on a loss you didn't.
- There's Scripture showing us that you can **question God**:
 - Job: “What's going on?”
 - David: “Why are You hiding from me?”

Real faith survives the silence.

Prosperity: The Test of Gain

- Prosperity = when something is given
- You can't open the washing machine until the cycle is done.
 - Don't let the **agitation** fool you.

“Adversity won't break us.

Prosperity won't shake us.”

Confetti ≠ Comfort

- The dream is just a glimpse of greatness.
- Joseph's brothers hated him because of the **favor on his life** (his coat).

Conspiracies don't happen overnight—they **boil**.

Genesis 37:2-24 – Joseph's Confetti & Conspiracy

- Be careful accessing people in the wrong season.
- Don't measure love by who hates you the most.

"There are people who can't figure out how you keep surviving what would've killed someone else."

Encouragement for the Heavy Season

- Don't let your last **loss** make you think God left you.

"Dogs don't chase parked cars."

- If the enemy is chasing you—it means you're **moving**.
- Your **present pain is prophetic**.

Laundry Analogy:

→ The agitation beats the clothes to make them clean—**so they can be used again**.

The Dangers of Prosperity

- The danger of the **test of gain** is **comfort**.
- Comfort sneaks in and dulls your spiritual senses.
- The devil doesn't mind your **winning**—as long as you stay **asleep** spiritually.

In this season:

→ You need **focus**

→ Focus brings **clarity**

→ Clarity brings **depth**

Blessings Require Battle

- **Adversity draws you to God.**

- Shout when pain comes.

- Pray when blessings come.

“When blessings come with battles—it’s proof God is up to something.”

- Blessings don’t come without fire.
- Sometimes the blessing **is** the test.

Don’t Miss the Cost

- This generation believes big—but forgets the **cost**.
- The things you’re believing God for come with **weight**.

Genesis 37:5 – Joseph had a dream (confetti)... and his brothers hated him (conspiracy).

Reflection Questions

1. Are there people in your life who study you, but don’t support you? How do you discern the difference between a fan and a foe in disguise?
2. Have you ever experienced someone copying you instead of clapping for you? How did you respond?
3. In what areas of your life have you sensed silent sabotage rather than loud support?
4. Have you recently given someone access to your heart or vision who hadn’t earned it?
5. What’s the difference between someone who’s in the room and someone who’s truly aligned with your assignment?
6. Where might God be asking you to re-evaluate who gets access in this season?
7. How do you maintain spiritual strength when your public wins come with private warfare?
8. Which part of you has been more visible lately—publicly composed or privately overwhelmed?
9. What’s one area where you feel celebrated publicly but misunderstood privately?
10. Are you holding on to relationships that matched a past version of you but can’t carry who you’re becoming?
11. What has God delayed in your life because He was building your capacity first?
12. How are you actively strengthening your emotional and spiritual capacity to carry the next level?
13. Are you currently in a Job-like season where silence feels louder than answers?
14. How do you respond when God is quiet? Do you still trust Him when you don’t hear Him?
15. What losses in your life were actually preparing you for future wins?
16. Have you ever let prosperity or success lull you into spiritual comfort?
17. How do you stay anchored when blessings bring increased pressure, visibility, and opinions?
18. In what ways has favor attracted friction or jealousy in your life?
19. What disciplines are you practicing to make sure your private life can support your public favor?
20. What hidden battles have prepared you for where you are now—and how do you protect that growth?
21. Where have you been asking for the crown before you’ve been fully formed in the field?

22. Do you feel seen by people around you, or are you leading while misunderstood?
23. Are you lonely because of isolation or because of misalignment in your circle?
24. What does your heart need to hear from God right now to remind you that you are not alone?

Personal Reflection

Whew... this sermon hit my soul in a way I can't even fully explain. *Watch Out for Ninjas* wasn't just a word—it was confirmation. I've been living in that tight space between **confetti and conspiracies**, where people see your public wins but have no idea about the private weight you're carrying just to stay upright. This year has been *nothing but a Job season*—one test after another, one door after another slammed shut, one silent stretch after another where it feels like even God is whispering instead of speaking.

And yet... I know the blessing is coming. I can *feel* it in my spirit.

I've been walking through solitude, not just physically—but mentally, emotionally. I've been fighting battles people don't see, praying prayers they couldn't handle, showing up when I wanted to shut down, and smiling when I was suffocating under the pressure of my own purpose. But this word reminded me: **it's not just about surviving the sabotage—it's about being trusted with the spotlight and still choosing surrender.**

I'm learning that real elevation requires real formation. And maybe... just maybe... God has me in this refining season not to punish me, but to prepare me. Because the weight of the win can't crush a woman who's already learned to worship in the wilderness. So I'll keep trusting. I'll keep building. I'll keep believing—because even in the silence, **God is still keeping me.**