WTAL 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 1

Lord, we start this journey and consecrate ourselves over the next 52 days. Lord, I’m asking you to break curses, remove restrictions, tear down barriers, heal discrepancies, work out credit reports, and open up unbelievable favor. Send the kind of FAVOR that will remind them of this defining moment. In the spirit Lord, I see doors flying open like at a grocery store…doors opening before they can even touch them. Let doors fly wide open.

Make ways for your people as we align ourselves with your word. Meet us in the spirit, Lord. Change lives, give increase and create new positions. I speak promotion. I speak entrepreneurs. I speak a new generation of evangelists, prophets and bible scholars. Let your gifts flourish right now, in Jesus name...Amen.

WTAL 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 2

The restoration of your credit is the redemption of your name. No matter how long it takes, don't let the enemy steal your name. The Bible says a good name is better than precious ointment and more desirable than great riches (Eccl 7:1; Prov 22:1).

Most people, once a credit score is diminished, accept it as if it were a terminal disease. This isn't a sickness unto death!! The truth is actually simple. Bad choices are often the reason we got in trouble. So, good choices will get you out! Take control of your destiny by plotting your way to repairing the damage. Step 1...

1. Assess the Damage
Go online and get your credit report. Stop running from reality. You can't ignore the facts. Dispute any known discrepancies listed on the report! The Fair Credit Reporting Act requires the credit bureaus to provide you a free copy of your credit report annually. Get yours at http://www.annualcreditreport.com/

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Yesterday we assessed the damage of exactly where our credit really is. Now, let's work on a plan to improve your credit and eliminate outstanding debt...Step 2

2. Set Up A Plan
The old adage says: "How do you eat an elephant? ...One bite at a time." No matter how small the bites...lets get started! To clean up your credit, keep a log for each credit bureau
to track your disputes, letters written to creditors and any items you pay off or settle. When it comes to eliminating debt, setup a budget to know exactly "where art thou" and track your income and monthly expenses. Attack the highest interest rates first to reduce your outstanding credit balances.

Keep pecking!

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So now that you know where you stand and you're working on your plan...Step 3

3. Celebrate your small successes
I don't mean go on a shopping spree either!! But do congratulate yourself. You are pecking your way out! You need the rewarded feeling of regaining control of your name. Don't wait till you're out to celebrate your progress.

Are you still pecking away?

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BEFORE you take any great step, or make ANY decision, your focus must not be on just your immediate plans to build or establish. Take time to focus on the far more difficult processes that will follow and the long-term consequences of your decision. In Luke 14:28, Jesus says no man builds a tower without, first, counting up the costs! God wants you to have KNOWLEDGE! Following this wisdom ensures you are not one of the people who learn this lesson by experiencing pain and regret that could have easily been avoided by simply having the information.

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In making important decisions, you must realize that bad choices can cause you to face a setback! You can’t afford this, so make every move count because they affect your POSITION. This requires several things…

- Research—gathering information and collecting data
- Roadwork—removing obstacles and clearing the path
- Rewards—listing choices and imagining their consequences or benefits
- Revelation—narrowing my options and making my selection
- Rearview—looking back and adjusting as necessary to stay on course.
Following these guidelines helps me move confidently into the future with no regrets. What’s your next move? Keep pecking…

**WTAL 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 7**

As God POSITIONS you for His plans and exposes you to new things, have the COURAGE to listen to your heart and not just your mind. God gave you an inner voice for a reason, and He is not insulted when you listen to it. Your decisions will require Godly discernment! Much of the anxiety and regret that come from the weight of your decisions can be alleviated or avoided if you assemble all of your information and have the right KNOWLEDGE. P-E-C-K!

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KNOWLEDGE insists and affirms that no question is too stupid to ask. The step you must always remember as you go forward is “Research.” Your choices are no stronger than the facts you have. This requires information! “My people are destroyed from lack of KNOWLEDGE” (Hosea 4:6 NIV). Chicks, get the information! Never attempt to silence the voice within you that continues to question!

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Always have the COURAGE to force the hard questions! It’s the issues you never thought to ask about that can wreak havoc on your life! Throughout the Bible, you see people like Abraham, Moses, David, Jesus and Paul not shying away from the difficult questions their situations posed to them. Each of them did one key thing: they sought God! In James 1:5, God promises wisdom to all who ask Him for it! Take COURAGE in God’s wisdom! Never be afraid of the hard questions.

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During singlehood, before you make a rash and irrational decision, see your loneliness as a gift and solitude as your time of preparation for a good relationship. It’s all about POSITIONING! During her time of preparation, Esther did everything she was taught to do in order to win the eye, admiration and affection of a man she had NEVER met! God positioned her right where she needed to be to win Xerxes’ heart and save her people! Singlehood is not a death sentence. It’s a time of preparation and POSITIONING!
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Blame is a learned behavior that you can unlearn, but it takes COURAGE to move on from the familiarity of past mistakes and methods! Develop a strategy that focuses on where you’re going and what God is saying will happen. Philippians 3:13-14 describes the outlook we should have: “I do not consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” Instead of spending energy on blame, move into the future and begin visualizing what success and victory look like. Keep pecking…

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Anger is rarely the first emotion. Fear usually strikes first, preying on what we don’t know. Therefore, the solution requires KNOWLEDGE! As you continue forward, decide to work for a solution instead of being angry. You cannot control what happens to you, but you can control how you respond to situations and issues. “Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires” (James 1:20 NIV). You have a choice to make. You can stand with angry fists raised, or you can assume responsibility for your response and refuse to be a victim of your own anger.

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Don’t stop PECKING! Instead of feeling battered, choose to have the faith that you can rebuild your life! Philippians 4:13 (NKJV) gives us a reminder that “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”. Do not yield power over your life to others in the process of releasing the trauma of your past. “Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old” (Isaiah 43:18 KJV). Tenaciously gather what power is within your reach and rebuild your life, no matter how battered you might feel by circumstances. Get ready for POSITIONING, EXPOSURE, COURAGE and KNOWLEDGE!

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You’ve got to get involved! Make the decision! Before anything will change, you must decide YOU want to change! You must decide to yield to God’s will and allow Him to POSITION you where you need to be before the next shifting occurs! But, change is not easy. It requires COURAGE! In the terrifying, soul-tingling feelings of the vertigo of change, we learn the value of faith and the fuel of prayer.
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In this new season, God will EXPOSE you to brand new things and people. However, do not get caught up in looking at the outside of a person, relationship or situation! These things do not always reflect what is on the inside. Jesus said about the Pharisees that “outside” they were clean, but “inside” they were full of dead men’s bones (Matthew 23:27). Ask God for His wisdom and KNOWLEDGE as you navigate new territory and people!

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When faced with significant opportunities, you might become fearful of bringing your past into your present. Take COURAGE in God POSITIONING you; God EXPOSING you; and God granting you His KNOWLEDGE! He would not have prepared you and brought you this far if He planned on destroying you or allowing new opportunities to overwhelm you. He’s given you your PECKING ORDERS because He knows you can handle them and carry them out! Continue pecking your way out!!!

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BEFORE you can see the beauty of the surroundings in which God has POSITIONED you, you must remove the clutter! God is a God of order! “God is not the author of confusion, but of peace” (1 Cor. 14:33). Though confusion does not stop God from working, it does stop YOU! The removal of unneeded items can reveal the beauty, functionality and lovely features of God’s creation, your possessions, and even your spirit. It’s time to clean house…physically, spiritually and mentally!

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As God POSITIONS you for the future, you will begin noticing the importance of breaking old cycles. Breaking the cycle of repeated mistakes requires making a decision to move on with your life, but it won’t happen overnight and neither will it be easy. Find a way to move out of the past, move ahead, free from all encumbrances that threaten to leave you attached to your yesterday. Do not let the dead weight of old cycles impede your progress! PECK….
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Some things need to be put back where they belong. Translated: some relationships simply need to be severed! Others may require some closure for you to move on. Still, others need to be put back in their proper place. “Can two walk together, except they be agreed” (Amos 3:3)? Pray this prayer with me: Holy Spirit, please clean out my heart, make over my soul, and allow me to get rid of the accumulated things and people that diminish me as an individual, as an employee, or as a visionary. In Jesus name, Amen!

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BEFORE you can fully lead, you must withstand controversy and conflict.

a. Leaders tend to be controversial.
b. Leaders’ decisions create conflict.
c. Leaders are persons of commitment.
d. Leaders are guided by their character.

Be COURAGEOUS and accept the leadership responsibility of being controversial. You are not POSITIONED to make everyone like you! That’s God’s job. It’s called FAVOR…and…It ain’t fair!

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As you continue to go forth with your Pecking Orders, I encourage you to broaden your interests, people and hobbies…. they broaden your perspective and outlook. Don’t just build spiritually, but build on the foundation of your spiritual life. It could be as simple as reading different magazines or newspapers, or going to places that are different from where you normally go. Get outside of your political belief system, gender or race. Broader views are a great repellant to ignorance. A complete world-view leads to a richer, fuller life.

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 22

The favor that God has placed on your life will cause you to be liked by people you can’t even imagine. They will be intelligent, influential and have wisdom to share with you on your journey. This requires that you EXPOSE yourself to more than just your familiar surroundings. These new “things” and new people God is sending your way may operate on a higher level than what you are accustomed to. Get comfortable trying new things and going new places. You’ll be glad you did! Keep pecking…
WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 23

So many of us remain trapped in the shell of the familiar, never venturing out to see different locations, eat new foods or even hear music we’re not accustomed to. Then, we wonder why we never progress further in life. EXPOSURE is a choice! Do you choose to hold on to the familiarity of what you’ve always experienced, or will you take a chance on something new and vibrant? This may cause you to be nervous, but it greatly enriches your life experience. God has more for you than your current surroundings! Take COURAGE and step out on faith to see and experience more!

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With the estimated 7 billion people on the planet and the ability to be on the other side of the world in less than a day, it would be incorrect in saying there’s nothing new to discover. Sadly, many of us think just that! God’s EXPOSURE requires us to leave behind what’s comfortable to embark upon the uncertainty of the unfamiliar. As you move toward your goal, you will encounter the unknown. God uses EXPOSURE as the practice arena for the newness and uncertainty you will experience in your future. It’s best to learn the lesson of being comfortable in uncertainty now, than having to learn it later.

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One difference between Successful people and unsuccessful people is EXPOSURE! Successful people read and study new things, go new places... always preparing for the next move by accumulating new knowledge and experiences. These very experiences uniquely equip them to handle the vagueness of the future while they move toward their goals. Make a list of the different things you’ve always wanted to do, but haven’t yet availed yourself of the opportunity. You’ll often find it’s your lack of COURAGE that’s prevented you from doing them. Take action on the easiest one and accomplish it. As you’re EXPOSED to more, you will desire more!

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 26

Like inmates in a prison yard, so many of us stay within the limits of the cities or neighborhoods we’ve grown up in, never venturing outside of them for the slightest amount of time. God has given you freedom--freedom to be EXPOSED to all of His creation and not just your particular street in your particular part of town. Take steps now toward EXPOSING yourself to more. Go to museums, theaters, orchestral performances, cultural festivals or anything you’ve never experienced in your own city as this will ignite a desire in you to see what lies beyond the “prison” walls of where you’ve always been. A whole new world of discoveries awaits…
WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 27

Fullness of life requires a dedication to experiencing and being EXPOSED to new things. Imagine remaining where you are and doing the same thing you’ve always done for the rest of your life! If not for the sake of your future, go to new places and try new things just for the sake of getting out of your own comfort zone and living the full life God has ordained for you!

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 28

EXPOSURE to more opportunities and people will quickly teach you not to get wrapped up in how things appear. Some details simply cannot be ascertained until you experience the fullness of the entire situation. A particular opportunity may look perfect on paper while your previous experiences instruct you to use caution and not take something at face value. As you head toward the fulfillment of your goals, heed the caution your previous experiences and EXPOSURE suggest. Your newfound knowledge and wisdom will prevent you from making mistakes based on impulsive and emotional decisions.

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**In following Naomi, Ruth was EXPOSED to a myriad of new things, including gleaning remnants from the side of a field. While she was experiencing something less than desirable, but altogether new, she was completely unaware of the other method in which God EXPOSED her. Little did she know Boaz, her future husband, was watching her. She was POSITIONED for the redemption of her family line. God will EXPOSE you and POSITION you for His purpose.

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As you become EXPOSED to more, you will need to shut the doors on those things that negatively influence you. But, before you shut a door you will not be able to reopen, stop and think. You need the KNOWLEDGE to be able to tell the difference between a bad door and one that’s simply not ready. Do not close a door on a relationship or opportunity out of frustration just because it squeaks a little. God may bring you back to it when you are fully prepared to handle it!

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Forgiving someone takes a considerable amount of COURAGE because it requires you to be a bigger person and let things go…something most of us don’t want to do. Grudges spread and invade our healthy emotions. Forgiveness conquers bitterness! Moving toward your goals will require you to be COURAGEOUS enough to release the bitterness you’ve held for so long. Remember to forgive as you want to be forgiven!

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 33

Don’t ever go into a business deal without the proper research and KNOWLEDGE! Doing so will quickly allow the stronger personality to arrange the relationship to suit them. KNOWLEDGE helps you ensure there is equity and fairness between all parties in the business relationship. Make sure you do what is fair, and be COURAGEOUS and willing enough to address and correct mistakes.

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 34

If you haven’t discovered it by now, PECKING will quickly introduce you to new things and people. But, as you risk doing or experiencing something new, you must accept that fear is normal! Nervousness and anxiety is a part of the nature of crossing a fresh threshold into the exhilaration of a new experience. You will always face new experiences with a degree of angst. But, take COURAGE. Feel the fear…but do the new thing anyway!
WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 35

When God POSITIONS you, He has a way of putting you in a place where you have no choice but to move from the safe center to the uncertain edge of a new experience! Admittedly, you would avoid making the necessary changes or facing the edge if you could. It’s here that you learn the value of faith and fuel of prayer. Activate both as God POSITIONS you to face uncertainty.

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 36

DO NOT TURN BACK! You are doing so well! Before you give in to your anxieties, respect what is at stake! This whole idea of PECKING may seem scary. After all, you’re operating outside your comfort zone the entire time. But, the only way to avoid these nerve-racking feelings is to simply play it safe by sticking to what is easy and familiar. Expect to be uncomfortable because the stakes of your future are high! KEEP PECKING!!!

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 37

Before you give up, affirm that the sky is the limit! You’ve been POSITIONED and EXPOSED. You’ve taken COURAGE and gathered KNOWLEDGE. You’ve set your goals high, knowing you could not achieve them on your own. Even if this is your second or umpteenth attempt, DON’T GIVE UP! You’re right on track. You were not created to play it safe. Take the risk and continue asking God, “Father, what’s next?”

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 38

As you keep PECKING, you’ll be faced with the temptation to end a relationship of any kind. Before you do, consider the consequences. Ending a relationship carries with it unseen ripples of regret and second thoughts. Before you “sign the dotted line” to terminate a relationship, look at all the facets of the relationship along with your motives. Do everything you can possibly do to preserve a relationship before ending it. Your experiences here will help you as God EXPOSES you to more relationships.
WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 40

PECKING will call forth dreams you’ve buried prematurely that God wants to resurrect in your life. He will resurrect these dreams because they are a part of His purpose for your life. Grieve the past wrong choices you’ve made, but forgive yourself. Take COURAGE and celebrate hope for brand new opportunities. Face the facts about your dreams and how you’ve changed over the years. Are you COURAGEOUS enough to step into resurrected dreams? PECK!

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 41

Before you break through to the next level of success, understand that you will nearly fail. But, don’t stop PECKING! Allow me to explain. People who’ve achieved great things are no more talented than you. They’ve simply learned to lean into their mistakes and persevere through them to the next level of challenge and expectation. Don’t quit! I’ve never seen a quitter win, but I see winners because they didn’t quit! God has you right where He wants you. Keep PECKING!

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 42

Before you obtain dreams worth having, you will have to take risks! You must take COURAGE, overcome your fear of new heights and be willing to risk failing at the next level! If you see no way humanly possible for your dream to succeed, that is a great asset because it keeps you humble and willing to accept KNOWLEDGE from others. As you keep PECKING, ask for new strength and press on in the face of risk!

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 43

PECKING toward your future will introduce you to conflict. Remain calm! Before you “fight”, you must select where and when to direct aggression. To heal any conflict, you have to give up the need for revenge, retaliation and being right and “fight” for the greater good. This requires you to exercise patience, wisdom and faith in God’s goodness. As you PECK, choose your battles wisely!

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 44

Before you credit extenuating circumstances beyond your control to your achievement or failure, you must admit that you are a victim or victor of your own making because of a key decision. This level of self-honesty takes COURAGE! Your decisions set the course for your life. Past decisions and their consequences can be offset by decisions you make now. Hold yourself accountable for your decisions and exercise the process of reflection, discernment and decision.
WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 45

Being overwhelmed by your feelings as you start PECKING and acting upon God’s will for your life is normal. You will face emotions like fearing you will fail and have only yourself to blame. Maybe you’ll feel sad and ashamed of past mistakes. Don’t judge yourself. All of this is normal, and God is right there with you, promising to never leave you nor forsake you (Deut. 31:6). Don’t quit! Get out of your feelings and KEEP PECKING!

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 46

No matter what stage you find yourself in while PECKING, you will encounter instances that tempt you to “fight”. But, before you fight, you must determine if it’s winning or your love of fighting that is driving you. There are things in your life that have conditioned a fight-prone personality. We have to fight to love, live and survive. However, think deeply to understand whether the spoils justify the fight. Don’t allow an old, fight-loving mentality destroy all that you’ve built during the PECKING process.

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 47

God will equip you with KNOWLEDGE that will prompt you when it’s time to disengage from a relationship or process. Before you back away, accept that conflict can be an opportunity for true love and grace to flow! Don’t make the mistake of believing people must agree on every issue to be agreeable. Welcome the opportunity to talk to those with whom you might disagree. Be COURAGEOUS enough to look for peace in the midst of conflict.

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 48

POSITIONING is a matter of strategy, and this strategy requires you to listen to God’s voice! Going off on your own will put you completely out of place and in a prime location for destruction. Heed God’s voice. Without His KNOWLEDGE and wisdom, there’s no way you will ever know where you are supposed to be. Get alone. Get quiet. Now, listen as God reveals to you the POSITION He has for you.

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 49

God wants to update your files with new KNOWLEDGE and information! Being equipped with old information prevents you from accurately distinguishing friend from foe, causing you to fight off the very people to whom God has EXPOSED you in order for them to help you! God often sends help in unlikely places from unexpected sources. As God directs you, learn to put away your sword and open up your heart!
WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 50

Before you run, realize that it is usually the easy way out! Your new journey takes COURAGE! If you’re always running away from your problems, you will never mature into the person God designed you to be. Maturity requires that you know how to discern and decide when to run and when to figure out how to make something work. Be COURAGEOUS enough to stand firm and no longer make flight your customary response.

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 51

Making assumptions prevents you from respecting differences and learning from others. POSITIONING and EXPOSURE necessitate that you spend time with people who are different from you. It takes COURAGE, but the resulting KNOWLEDGE is priceless. When you only interact with people who look like you and think like you, you have no checks and balances to avoid extremes and to provide wisdom. Be patient in the new relationships God has given you, and look for the deep things that can unite you with others.

WTAL - 52 Days of Pecking Orders - Day 52

We’ve reached the final day of The 52 Days of Pecking Orders, but don’t stop! Don’t turn back! Your POSITION has changed! You’ve been EXPOSED to things you’ve never seen! You’re more COURAGEOUS than you’ve ever been! You have new KNOWLEDGE to help in the days ahead! Now that you have all this, this is not the time to kick up your feet and relax. Go forth and possess all that God has for you. Fulfill His purpose for your life and watch Him take you to an even greater level!

And, I want to hear from you! Post your experiences below, and let me know how your life has changed during these 52 days!

Now, let’s end these 52 days in prayer…

Lord, we thank you for what you’ve done during these 52 days, and we ask you to continue guiding us to greater heights in you. Use us to accomplish your will in the earth. We ask that you continue speaking to our hearts as we go further, knowing we can do nothing apart from you. With you as our support and our Leader, we will keep carrying out our PECKING ORDERS!

In Your Name we pray,

Amen!