



Bible Reading : Job 39:9 – 12

Will the wild ox (Buffalo) be content to serve thee? Or will he abide by thy crib? Canst, thou bind the wild ox with his band in the furrow? Or will he harrow the valleys after thee? Wilt thou trust him because his strength is great? Or wilt thou leave to him thy labour? Wilt thou confide in him, that he will bring home thy seed, and gather the grain of thy threshing-floor?

In the next three weeks as we seek to observe, learn, and understand that even in difficult times we can progress. In Job 39 there are several animals and their behaviours this is familiar territory to us as Zimparks let us take a cue from the wildlife both flora and fauna. This Sunday, we put focus on the wild ox (Buffalo). Indeed, the Buffalo is part of the BIG FIVE. The Cape buffalo is considered unique, strong, wild! In terms of strength, it is fierce. There are the most common in hunting trips among the big 5 because they are not endangered or threatened. One can wonder why these cannot be tamed and used for the good of the nations.

So many of us can be described in this way. We are full of potential, full of strength, unique and fierce. However, if you are not dependable, if you cannot be trusted you are not of any value. The real currency in this day and age is trust. Can you be trusted? Can your leaders trust you? Can your family/product/business/system be trusted? In as much this type of Buffalo has strength and capacity, just by the reason that it is difficult to tame, it loses its usability. We can call it among the Big and Great, but without trust there is no relationship, there are no transactions and there is no ground



for coexistence. It has been said a lot; “Trust God!” But as a matter of fact, can God trust you? Can He rely on your strength, abilities, capacity, and experience? Can God rely on you holding a standard? Can you be tamed to His Will, Word, Spirit and Authority? Can we trust in your words, Sweet as they are? Can we trust in you to deliver the tasks given to you?

Trust is measured by a few things. These, as we find them in the scripture above are:

1. Content/willingness to Serve –

Trust is measured by accountability. If you are not accountable to the strength, gifts, talents and skill you have you are unfaithful. In trust, there is accountability. (Parable of the talents) Are you happy to serve God and others.

2. Abiding by thy crib - I

n trust, you are dependable. You will not move from principles of value. You will abide by them. You are not moved. You abide by his word. You abide by his principles. You abide by his standards and will.

3. Yoked with a team for a purpose -

in trust, the organisation need to be able work with you in achieving a common goal. This can only happen when one is tamed and is goal oriented. Can you be tamed to achieve a purpose? Can you be yoked together with others in organizing a common goal.

4. Ability to harness your great strength -

it is not uncommon to meet one with great capability, capacity and strength but not dependable. One can have greater strength and potential. A system can have a powerful backbone. But if you are not controllable, you become out of service and out of line (out of sync). God is looking for willing and obedient vessels in the organisation, who are able to harness their strength for productivity. Powerful but user-friendly. Can you be named among them?

5. Confidence and delivery -

trust is built. It depends on delivery of simple acts of faithfulness and delivery of tasks given to you. The more you deliver, the confidence the Leadership have in giving you more. You might have great power and potential, but if you cannot deliver your power is meaningless. Can you be trusted to bring the grain to the threshing floor. Can God trust you with deeper assignments, deeper mysteries, deeper revelations of the kingdom. Paul says he was told things that are unlawful for man to utter, can you be trusted to that level of confidence and deliver.

When you add trust to your strength, you become useable, protected and of greater value. When you cannot be trusted, you will be left in the hunting plains facing the world by the storm. Choose his word. Choose his principles. Today choose to be tamed and trusted!

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GOD HELP US TO BE TRUSTED BY OUR LEADERS AT ALL LEVELS IN OUR ORGANISATIONS, TAME OUR TONGUE, TAME OUR THINKING TO BE IN ALIGN. IN ZIMBABWE OH LORD ENABLE US TO LISTEN TO OUR LEADERSHIP SO THAT THERE IS PROGRESS IN OUR NATION. WE THANK YOU GOD FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS OUR CHARACTERS ARE TAMED AS WELL. WE THANK YOU FOR UNITY, UNITY UNITY. ACCEPT OUR PLEA OH LORD!

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