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In Matthew 2 :After Jesus was born in Bethlehem, magi came from the east to Jerusalem. ²They asked, “Where **is the newborn king of the Jews? We’ve seen “his star”** in the east, and we’ve come to honor him.” They did not call Him “the new born baby”. His STAR rising signified that an extraordinary thing will happened. He was born a STAR. The star Rising means He will do great things.

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Who is a star?

In ordinary language, a star is someone who excels
... ***from now on, brethren, you will continue to excel!***

In I Samuel 17, David, (*in addition to being an obedient son (I Samuel 17:17-20), a brave soldier (verses 26 and 32) and a young man who fully trusted God (verses 37, 45-47), excelled in Music.*

In I Samuel 16:15 -18 when the king needed a musician, David was the one to call.

...Brethren you will so excel in at least one thing that when anyone needs that thing, you will be the one to be called upon. THAT IS THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A STAR.

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When God wants to use a person to do something extraordinary, the person's star begins to rise.

Brethren once the star starts rising, it never stops, It continues to rise from one height unto even a higher height.

.... Brethren, from today, your star will begin to rise.

Scriptures provide guidance and encouragement to each of us as we excel as a star:

Ecclesiastes 9:10 “Whatever you do, do well. For when you go to the grave, there will be no work or planning or knowledge or wisdom.”

We must commit to doing well in whatever we do.

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Philippians 1:9-10

⁹ I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. ¹⁰ For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.

2 Corinthians 8:7

But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, and in all eagerness and in the love from us that is in you – make sure that you excel in this act of kindness too.

We have. Therefore. seen that being a STAR means to excel.

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So What is Rising?

It means going above your ordinary level of excelling.

It means going higher, increasing in success, increasing in brilliance, increasing in skills, increasing in ability, increasing in grace, increasing in every area of life.

2 Peter 1: 2-3, says: “2 Grace and peace be multiplied (increased) to you through the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord. 3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through the knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.”

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Examples of Rising Star?

Genesis 26:12-14 talks about Isaac - he waxed great and then went forward and then increasing. ¹² Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him. ¹³ The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. ¹⁴ He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. ¹⁵ So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth. But Isaac reopened the wells.

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¹⁶Then Abimelek said to Isaac, “Move away from us; you have become too powerful for us.” ¹⁷So Isaac moved away from there and encamped in the Valley of Gerar, where he settled. ¹⁸Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

Isaac was a STAR and then began RISING.

In Genesis 30:43 – the Bible tells us about Jacob, how
43Jacob became exceedingly prosperous. He owned large flocks, female and male servants, and many camels and donkeys.

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When we say something is rising, it means it is getting better, it's shining brighter, it's becoming more and more known.

Brethren, in the Name of Jesus Chris of Nazareth, you will keep on rising, you will be rising in joy, you will be rising in success, you will be rising in power, you will be rising in anointing, you will be rising in glory, you will be rising in eagerness, be rising in trust for God.

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When we, therefore, talk about **RISING STAR**, then someone who is already a STAR and now the star is rising and becoming bigger and brighter, stronger and stronger, brighter and brighter, more and more anointed, etc.

Brethren, if the Lord is giving us the message of “the Rising STAR” today, it means that each of us is a STAR and God is making each of us RISE.

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You may wonder: How does someone become a STAR?

1. Star can be born

Genesis 1:16 says God made the stars also, Jeremiah 1:4-5 God told Jeremiah, even before I formed thee I knew thee, I have already anointed you a prophet to nations.

In Luke 1:13 -17 even before John the Baptist was born, it had already been prophesied that he will be great (a star).

2. Star can be made by another star

some people are promoted to become a star

- In Deuteronomy 34:9 Joshua was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses laid his hands on him.
- Elisha was promoted to STAR because Elijah anointed him.

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3. God can make you a star

- In Genesis 12:1-3 God told Abraham that through his seed all the nations of the world will be blessed. So the children of Abraham had no option but to be star.

- **1 Samuel 16:1-13** we see the story of David he was in the bush tending to animals. His father did not think he was worth anything but the Almighty God took him from behind and turned him to a star.

- **Deuteronomy 34:10-12** we see that God made Moses a rising star. ¹⁰ Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face, ¹¹ who did all those signs and wonders the LORD sent him to do in Egypt. ¹² For no one has ever shown

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the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

Brethren, How High Do You Want To Rise?

In Genesis 13:14, the LORD said to Abram, “Now lift up your eyes from the place where you are, and look to the north and south and east and west. **15**For all the land that you see, I will give to you and your offspring forever.”

Brethren, you must excel in at least one thing first, then two then three and continue to excel. If someone needs something, what can they confidently call you for? If you can identify even one thing, then you are a STAR and now continue to rise. If, however, you cannot identify one thing, begin to ask God to, from today, make you a STAR. **GOD BLESS YOU**

2018 PRAYER POINTS

1. Prayer over the message of today. Ask God to continue to make you a rising star
2. Pray that KCM will continue to fulfil its mandate as God's house of prayer for all nations (Isaiah 56:7)
3. Prayer for the Leadership of Nations ...
 - a. The Lord to give leaders the will & wisdom to create enabling environment for stars to rise. (Remember that when Jesus' star was announced, Herod became envious and disturbed. He did not want to create enabler for Jesus to rise).
 - b. Leaders to be humble in leadership and fear God
4. Thank God for eradicating Troubles/Wars in nations and making it possible for people to freely serve God.
5. New outbreak of Ebola, God to please cleanse our land (2 Chro 7:13-18).
6. Pray for Minsters, Ministries, Missionaries and Missions and commission to win souls
7. For Marriages to be true, Children to fear God, families to stay together
8. Pray for Members of the fellowship – grace to do what is required to be lifted as the rising star.
- 9 Needs in fellowship & and any special request we have not covered
10. Ask for God's favour and grace this week and pray for next Sunday

