

# THE POWER OF ASSOCIATION

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Power is the ability or capability to direct or influence the behaviour of others or cause of events

Association is a connection or coo6links between people or organisations, group or people who share common interest or purpose and are organised with varying degrees of formalities compare cooperation.

### BIBLE TEXT

 **(Saul Associated With Prophets And He Prophesied)**

#### **1 Samuel 10:9-13**

*9 And it was so, that when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. 10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came upon him, and he prophesied among them. 11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him beforetime saw that, behold, he prophesied among the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? 12 And one of the same place answered and said, But who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets? 13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.*

 **Lot was Favoured because he associated with Abraham**

#### **Genesis 12:4**

*So Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.*

#### **Genesis 13:5**

*And Lot also, which went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents.*

#### **Genesis 13:6**


*And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together.*

 **Samuel associated with Eli, he learnt how to hear from God**

#### **1 Samuel 3:8-10**

*And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst call me. And Eli perceived that the Lord had called the*

*child. Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel answered, Speak; for thy servant heareth.*

 **Water turned into wine because the couple associated with a miracle worker**

### **John 2:1-2**

*And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: 2 And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage.*

 **God blessed Laban (idol worshippers) because of Jacob**

### **Genesis 30:27**

*And Laban said unto him, I pray thee, if I have found favour in thine eyes, tarry: for I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake.*

 **God blessed Potiphar because of JOSEPH**

### **Genesis 39:2-3**

*And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand.*

 **Ishmael was blessed because he came from the loins of Abraham**

### **Genesis 17:20**

*And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation.*

 **Mephiboseth was relocated from Lodebar to the Kings palace because of David's relationship with Jonathan his father.**

### **2 Samuel 9:1**

*And David said, Is there yet any that is left of the house of Saul, that I may shew him kindness for Jonathan's sake?*


### **2 Samuel 9:7**

*And David said unto him, Fear not: for I will surely shew thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually.*

## **Fishermen associate with Jesus and they preached with boldness**

### **Acts 4:13**

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

 The entire nation of Egypt was blessed because of JOSEPH (imagine if pharaoh had said "how dare you recommend a prisoner to come and interpret my dream")

## **Don't judge a book by to cover.**



### **Genesis 41:38-39**

*And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this is, a man in whom the Spirit of God is? And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou art:*

## **You don't rehearse how to cry in the house of morning.**

     **WHO ARE YOUR ASSOCIATES?** (Fundamental question)

   **WHAT YOU MUST DO**   

  Come out from among them because wrong association can pollute you.



### **2 Corinthians 6:17**

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

   **BREAK AWAY FROM UNEQUAL YOKE**  

### **2 Corinthians 6:14**

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?

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