

Your Past Experiences

Chazown - Part 2

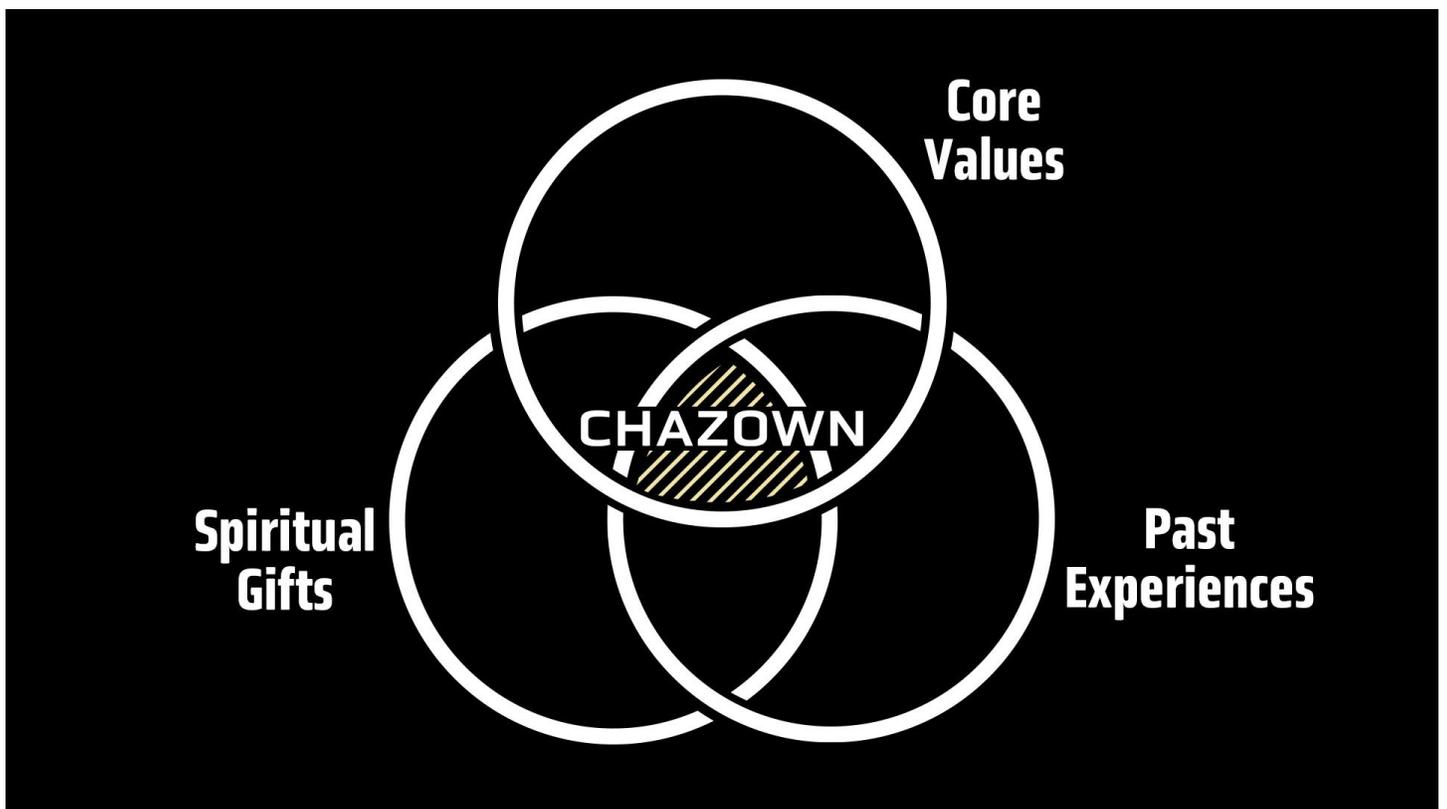
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God used my pain to help relieve his.

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Your past can hold the key to unlock your future.

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Genesis 37-50

Where is God in all this? How could He let this happen?

“... I am Joseph, your brother, whom you sold into slavery in Egypt. ⁵But don’t be upset, and don’t be angry with yourselves for selling me to this place. It was God who sent me here ahead of you to preserve your lives. ... ⁷God has sent me ahead of you to keep you and your families alive and to preserve many survivors. ⁸So it was God who sent me here, not you! And He is the one who made me an adviser to Pharaoh—the manager of his entire palace and the governor of all Egypt.” Genesis 45:4-5, 7-8 (NLT)

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“And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them.” Romans 8:28 (NLT)

The Good

God blessed you so you would be a blessing!

“When someone has been given much, much will be required in return; and when someone has been entrusted with much, even more will be required.” Luke 12:48 (NLT)

The Bad

The enemy wants to use your pain to make you bitter. God wants to use it to make you better and a blessing.

¹⁶That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. ¹⁷For our present troubles are small and won’t last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ¹⁸So we don’t look at the troubles we can see now; rather, we fix our gaze on things that cannot be seen. For the things we see now will soon be gone, but the things we cannot see will last forever.” 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 (NLT)

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Will you give your past experiences to God?