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Life Lessons from a Nobody



1 Chronicles 4:9,10

“Now Jabez was more honorable than all his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, ‘Because I bore him in pain.’ And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying. ‘Oh that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, and that I may not cause pain.’ So the Lord granted him what he requested.”



Life Lessons

1. Our identity should not be determined by the opinion or pain of others. - Jabez - “He will cause pain”
2. The content of our character is developed or destroyed by the trials and tribulations of life. The choice is ours. - “more honorable”



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3. Our past does not have to be the prophetic voice of our future.
- - The past can PARALYZE you.
 - - The past can PUNISH you.
 - - The past can POISON you
 - Philippians 3 – Paul refused to allow the past to pollute his future.



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4. Our temporary moments should not create permanent mindsets.

- Jabez called
- Jabez believed
- Jabez humbled
- Jabez envisioned
- Jabez asked



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And Finally...

- Jabez desired
- Provision from God
- Power of God
- Presence of God
- Protection of God
- Purpose of God

