

The logo features the text "UNIVERSITY OF ADVERSITY" in a bold, stylized font. "UNIVERSITY OF" is in white with a black outline, and "ADVERSITY" is in red with a black outline. The text is set against a light blue shield-like shape with a dark blue outline. The background is a gradient of brown and orange.

# UNIVERSITY OF ADVERSITY

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The current global health pandemic, COVID-19, presents us with the greatest opportunity of our lifetime.

I agree that this COVID-19 pandemic is adversity.

Adversity is not new.

### **Abraham**

***Genesis 12:10***

***And there was a famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the land.***

### **Isaac**

***Genesis 26:1***

***And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar.***

### **Jacob**

***Genesis 43:1-2***

***And the famine was sore in the land. 2 And it came to pass, when they had eaten up the corn which they had brought out of Egypt, their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food.***

All the Earth faced famine at the same time

***Genesis 41:56***

***And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.***



Adversity has been here from Beginning times and it will remain through End times.

**Luke 21:6-9**

*As for these things which ye behold, the days will come, in the which there shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. 7 And they asked him, saying, Master, but when shall these things be? and what sign will there be when these things shall come to pass? 8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them. 9 But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified: for these things must first come to pass; but the end is not by and by.*

**What is Adversity?**

- I. Difficult times
- II. Troubled times
- III. Shocking times
- IV. Times of Setback
- V. Times of Crisis
- VI. Times of Trial

**Please note the following;**

- God doesn't plan Adversity but allows Adversity**

**Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)**

*11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*



***Jeremiah 29:11 (RSV)***

***For I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.***

- **God doesn't plan Adversity but has a plan in the midst of Adversity.**

***Jeremiah 29:11 (MESSAGE)***

***I know what I'm doing. I have it all planned out—plans to take care of you, not abandon you, plans to give you the future you hope for.***

- **God doesn't plan Adversity but shows up in Adversity.**

***Genesis 26:1-2***

***And there was a famine in the land, beside the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines unto Gerar. 2 And the LORD appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of:***

- **God doesn't plan Adversity but uses Adversity.**

***Genesis 50:15-21***

***And when Joseph's brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, Joseph will peradventure hate us, and will certainly requite us all the evil which we did unto him. 16 And they sent a messenger unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, 17 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the trespass of thy brethren, and their sin; for they did unto thee evil: and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. 18 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we be thy servants. 19 And Joseph said unto***

*them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, ye thought evil against me; but God meant it unto good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. 21 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them.*

Adversity is the University where giants are schooled.

You may be born with potential but you have to be schooled to exploits.

You may have a dream but you have to live out every aspect of the dream. That includes the aspect of adversity.

Adversity is to our Advantage.

**Genesis 1:26-28**

*And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. 28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.*

We must not to be limited by the state of the economy but by the state of the covenant.

**Genesis 8:22**

*While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.*



***Jeremiah 33:19-21***

***And the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah, saying, 20 Thus saith the LORD; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; 21 Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.***

**REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION FROM ADVERSITY UNIVERSITY**

**Case Study of Isaac:**

***Genesis 26:12-14***

***Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the LORD blessed him. 13 And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: 14 For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him.***

**Major Courses for Graduation from Adversity University**

1. **The Voice.** We must learn to hear the voice of God. The voice of men will never equal the voice of God.

***Genesis 26:1-5***

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*seed to multiply as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; 5 Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws.*

2. **The Company.** The presence of God with a man is of greater importance than the presence of men. If God is with you, adversity will always be to your advantage. When you secure God's presence, men will be attracted to you.

*Genesis 26:24-26*

*And the LORD appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. 25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.*

3. **The Covenant.** Ensure you are in covenant with God, because the covenant is superior to climate. There may be climate change but there cannot be covenant change.

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4. **The Risk.** Those who will not take risk cannot rise. It is possible to be fruitful in the midst of hatred. There is no better time to take risks than in the midst of adversity.



**Genesis 26:27-28**

*And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore come ye to me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? 28 And they said, We saw certainly that the LORD was with thee: and we said, Let there be now an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee;*

5. **The Attitude.** There must be an attitude of perseverance. This is the never give up attitude. This attitude will see the end of every crisis and the crisis never sees its end.

**Genesis 26:18-19**

*And Isaac digged again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. 19 And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water.*

**Genesis 26:21-22**

*And they digged another well, and strove for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. 22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth; and he said, For now the LORD hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.*

6. **The Leader.** Leadership is not instructing others to go on a path but showing others the path to take by walking the same path. It is a common say; 'actions speak louder than words.' I caught one deep insight from this scripture. Isaac first digged and then his servants digged. In crisis, men are looking for voices.



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## **7. The Focus**

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God is preparing you for your day of showing.

It is not what you are going through that matters but where you get to that matters.

You may be enrolled in the University of Adversity but you should not remain a student.

There is time for enrollment but there is also time for graduation.

Take the courses listed above and what you call adversity today will end in advancement tomorrow in Jesus' Name.





# The End

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