



~ Thought For The Day ~

~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

Refresh, Restore, Rebuild = Healing



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Prayer

Lord, I ask You to help me push my flesh and my feelings aside when I am tempted to be down and depressed. Your Word promises that I'll be encouraged if I fellowship with the saints, so I ask You to help me shove my lying emotions out of the way, get out of my house, and stop focusing on my defeat. Give me the strength of will to go attach myself to a band of believers who will encourage me to stand up, stand tall, and fight like someone who has the armor and the power of God working in my life. God, I pray that You will teach me what to say in every situation and what You would have me to do today and each day. Led me Lord in the way in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

Exodus 3: 1-22 (AMP)

1 NOW MOSES kept the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock to the back or west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb or Sinai, the mountain of God. 2 The Angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, yet was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush is not burned. 4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the midst of the bush and said, Moses, Moses! And he said, Here am I. 5 God said, Do not come near; put your shoes off your feet, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. 6 Also He said, I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. 7 And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters and oppressors; for I know their sorrows and sufferings and trials. 8 And I have come down to deliver them out of the hand and power of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a land good and large, a land flowing with milk and honey [a land of plenty]—to the place of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 9 Now behold, the cry of the Israelites has come to Me, and I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come now therefore, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring forth My people, the Israelites, out of Egypt. 11 And Moses said to God, Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt? 12 God said, I will surely be with you; and this shall be the sign to you that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain [Horeb, or Sinai]. 13 And Moses said to God, Behold, when I come to the Israelites and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, What is His name? What shall I say to them? 14 And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM and WHAT I AM, and I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE; and He said, You shall say this to the Israelites: I AM has sent me to you! 15 God said also to Moses, This shall you say to the Israelites: The Lord, the God of your fathers, of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has sent me to you! This is My name forever, and by this name I am to be remembered to all generations. 16 Go, gather the elders of Israel together [the mature teachers and tribal leaders], and say to them, The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, appeared to me, saying, I have surely visited you and seen that which is done to you in Egypt; 17 And I have declared that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Amorite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, to a land flowing with milk and honey. 18 And [the elders] shall believe and obey your voice; and you shall go, you and the elders of Israel, to the king of Egypt and you shall say to him, The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now let us go, we beseech you, three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God. 19 And I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go [unless forced to do so], no, not by a mighty hand. 20 So I will stretch out My hand and smite Egypt with all My wonders which I will do in it; and after that he will let you go. 21 And I will give this people favor and respect in the sight of the Egyptians; and it shall be that when you go, you shall not go empty-handed. 22 But every woman shall [insistently] solicit of her neighbor and of her that may be residing at her house jewels and articles of silver and gold, and garments, which you shall put on your sons and daughters; and you shall strip the Egyptians [of belongings due to you].

Exodus 3—4. The Burning Bush

After a life of brooding over the sufferings of his people and the age-old promises of God, the call to deliver Israel came at last, directly from God, when Moses was 80 years old. But Moses was no longer self-confident, as he had been in his younger years. He was reluctant to go and made all kinds of excuses. But in the end he went, assured of divine help and armed with the power to work miracles. (Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; page 138)

Moses and The Burning Bush: V 1 Moses was learning the lay of the land, where the wells were, the weather patterns, and wilderness or desert survival, which would prove to be very handy later. **V 7** " Seeing, I have certainly seen, knowing, I have certainly known, hearing, I have certainly heard." It's and emphatic in the Hebrew. God declares the fact that He has seen, He has heard, He knows. These are the characteristics of God emphasized by Jesus Christ in the New Testament, " Your Father sees, your Father hears, your Father knows." **V 10** After 40 years the fire is gone. He's not that short-tempered, ready to go to battle any more. In fact, he has become very meek. **V 11** Everyone who is called of God probably asks that question, " Who am I, Lord < that I should be the one to do this?" It is imperative that we have a sense of our unworthiness in being an instrument through which God might do His work. **V 12** He was at Mount Horeb, where he later received the Ten Commandments. **V 14** The name of God is a verb, " to be." " The Becoming One" is name Yahweh, as God becomes to you whatever your need might be. " I am your peace, your strength, your help. I am your guide. I am your righteousness, I am your salvation, I am your hope." **V 21- 22** They were taking the back wages that were due to them, through the years of slavery in which they were not paid.

(Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; Commentaries; page 24)

If you have ever wondered, "Who am I?" You are not alone. When Moses thought the same thing, God responded with Who He is: "I AM" (Exodus 3:14). I have pondered these awesome words for a long time, and I believe they are much more significant than we realize.

What was God really saying when He referred to Himself as "I AM"? For one thing, He is so much that there is no way to explain Him properly. How can we describe Someone Who is everything and wrap it up in one name? When Moses asked the question about God's identity in Exodus 3:13, evidently the Lord did not want to get into a long dissertation about Who He was because He simply told Moses, "You shall say... I AM has sent me to you" (Exodus 3:14). By way of explanation, He preceded His statement with "I AM WHO I AM and WHAT I AM, and I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE." God was saying to Moses, "You don't have to worry about Pharaoh or anybody else. I AM able to take care of anything you encounter. Whatever you need, I AM. Either I have it or I can get it. If it does not exist, I will create it. I have everything covered, not just now but for all time. Relax!"

We need not worry about who we are, what we can do, what we cannot do, or anything else. The great "I AM" strengthens us in our weaknesses. As long as He is with us, we can do whatever we need to do. Be more concerned about Who God is than you are about who you are.

To be honest with you, even as I write these words about Who God is, I can sense His presence and anointing. There is power in His name! He can handle what we think is difficult or impossible. God's answer to our "Who am I?" is "I AM WHO I AM." Almighty God is more than sufficient in the face of our lack. He is truly everything. The Everyday Life Bible.

Where Should You Go When You Get Discouraged?**Hebrews 10:25**

People tend to skip church and stay away from other believers when they get discouraged. Maybe you know someone who has done this. Maybe you've even done it yourself at a time in your life when you felt discouraged or depressed.

There are a myriad of reasons why people stay away from church when they are discouraged. Perhaps they're embarrassed that their faith isn't working as fast as they think it should. Perhaps they're ashamed that they're still struggling with problems they think should have been conquered long ago. They don't want anyone to know they're still wrestling with the same old problems, so they disappear from sight.

Don't let embarrassment or discouragement keep you away from other believers. You need their strength! You need their testimony! You need their encouragement! You need to hear them say, "You can do it! You can make it!"

That's why Hebrews 10:25 says, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is...." The word "forsaking" is taken from the Greek word *egkatakeipontes*. It's a compound of three different Greek words: *eg*, *kata*, and *leipo*. The first word, *eg* (actually from the Greek word *ek*), means out. *Kata*, the second part of the word, means down. The third word, *leipo*, means behind. These three words compounded together simply mean out, down, and behind. These words describe someone who is extremely discouraged, defeated, and depressed. Maybe he feels depressed because it looks like everyone is succeeding but him. Or maybe this is someone who is simply weary from fighting a very long battle. Regardless of the reason why, this word describes a person who feels left out, down, depressed, and far behind everyone else. The moment people begin to feel like they are failing or falling short of everyone else is often the moment when Satan tells them, "Oh, just stay home from church today. You don't need to go down there with all those rejoicing people. You know that you don't feel like being with them today, so why not just stay home by yourself You don't need them. You can just read the Bible at home!"

Satan knows that if he can get you to fall out of fellowship with other believers—at the very moment when you need fellowship and encouragement the most—then he can probably keep you down and defeated. Yes, it's true that you can read the Bible at home by yourself, and you need to do this. But fellowship with other believers is essential for everyone, and that includes you! You receive encouragement from other believers that you can't get anywhere else.

That is why church is the last place the devil wants you to go when you're feeling low! He knows if you go to church, you will be touched by the Presence of the Lord; you will get encouraged by other believers; and in the end, you'll crawl out of that hole the enemy has put you in and rise up to a place of heavenly victory!

The devil works overtime to try to tempt you to skip church, stay home, and do something else instead. But, friend, why isolate yourself when you are in the greatest need of encouragement?

Hebrews 10:25 could be translated:

"When you're feeling down and depressed—like a failure who is falling behind everyone else—that isn't the time to stay away from other believers, as some are in the habit of doing...."

Instead of letting the devil and your flesh get the best of you in moments of weakness, here's my suggestion: In addition to praying and reading the Word at home when you're feeling down and out, go find another believer or a group of believers who can build you up in faith and encourage you in the Lord. After fellowshiping with people of faith, you'll feel recharged to go back and face those challenges with a winning attitude!

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

When you get discouraged, where do you go for help, strength, and encouragement?

Has the devil successfully tempted you to stay away from other believers?

How can you get more involved with a faith community that can give you needed encouragement to help you win the battles you've been waging?

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1Sa 12:6 — And Samuel said to the people, It is the Lord Who appointed Moses and Aaron and brought your fathers up out of Egypt.

Ps 77:20 — You led Your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron. Ps 103:6 — The Lord executes righteousness and justice [not for me only, but] for all who are oppressed. Ps 103:7 — He made known His ways [of righteousness and justice] to Moses, His acts to the children of Israel. Ps 105:26 — He sent Moses His servant, and Aaron, whom He had chosen.

Isa 63:11 — Then His people [seriously] remembered the days of old, of Moses and his people [and they said], Where is He Who brought [our fathers] up out of the [Red] Sea, with [Moses and the other] shepherds of His flock? Where is He Who put His Holy Spirit within their midst, Isa 63:12 — Who caused His glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses, dividing the waters before them, to make for Himself an everlasting name,

Hos 12:13 — And by a prophet the Lord brought Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was [Israel] preserved.

Mic 6:4 — For I brought you up out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house where you were bond servants, and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

Ac 7:34 — Because I have most assuredly seen the abuse and oppression of My people in Egypt and have heard their sighing and groaning, I have come down to rescue them. So, now come! I will send you back to Egypt [as My messenger]. Ac 7:36 — He it was who led them forth, having worked wonders and signs in Egypt and at the Red Sea and during the forty years in the wilderness (desert).

(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pages 91-92) (Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Maps, Devotionals)