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~gathering from the 4 winds~

“come just as you are”

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Prayer

Lord, I've run into an impasse, and I don't know how to get past it by myself. I have done everything I know to do, but the problem continues to persist in my life. Today I am asking You for the strength I need to keep pushing forward and to overcome the obstacles that Satan has set in my path. I know that greater is He who is in me than he that is in the world, so today I fervently ask that the power of God residing within me be released to overcome each attack the devil has tried to bring against me. Lord if I am not in Your will, as to Your plan I ask that You tell me clearly what is a miss I only seek Your will. If the impasse is from an obstacle of the evil one, I ask that You remove it for You are Lord and nothing is impossible for You, I ask it in Jesus' name. Amen.

Scripture

Exodus 6: 1-30 (AMP)

1 THEN THE Lord said to Moses, Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for [compelled] by a strong hand he will [not only] let them go, but he will drive them out of his land with a strong hand. 2 And God said to Moses, I am the Lord. 3 I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob as God Almighty [El-Shaddai], but by My name the Lord [Yahweh—the redemptive name of God] I did not make Myself known to them [in acts and great miracles]. 4 I have also established My covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, the land of their temporary residence in which they were strangers. 5 I have also heard the groaning of the Israelites whom the Egyptians have enslaved; and I have [earnestly] remembered My covenant [with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob]. 6 Accordingly, say to the Israelites, I am the Lord, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will free you from their bondage, and I will rescue you with an outstretched arm [with special and vigorous action] and by mighty acts of judgment. 7 And I will take you to Me for a people, and I will be to you a God; and you shall know that it is I, the Lord your God, Who brings you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you into the land concerning which I lifted up My hand and swore that I would give it to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you for a heritage. I am the Lord [you have the pledge of My changeless omnipotence and faithfulness]. 9 Moses told this to the Israelites, but they refused to listen to Moses because of their impatience and anguish of spirit and because of their cruel bondage. 10 The Lord said to Moses, 11 Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the Israelites go out of his land. 12 But Moses said to the Lord, Behold, [my own people] the Israelites have not listened to me; how then shall Pharaoh give heed to me, who am of deficient and impeded speech? 13 But the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, and gave them a command for the Israelites and for Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the Israelites out of the land of Egypt. 14 These are the heads of their clans. The sons of Reuben, Israel's firstborn: Hanoch, Pallu, Hezron, and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben. 15 The sons of Simeon: Jemuel, Jamin, Ohad, Jachin, Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanite woman; these are the families of Simeon. 16 These are the names of the sons of Levi according to their births: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari; and Levi lived 137 years. 17 The sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimi, by their families. 18 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzziel; and Kohath lived 133 years. 19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. These are the families of Levi according to their generations. 20 Amram took Jochebed his father's sister as wife, and she bore him Aaron and Moses; and Amram lived 137 years. 21 The sons of Izhar: Korah, Nepheg, and Zichri. 22 The sons of Uzziel: Mishael, Elzaphan, and Sithri. 23 Aaron took Elisheba, daughter of Amminadab and sister of Nahshon, as wife; she bore him Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 24 The sons of Korah: Assir, Elkanah, and Abiasaph. These are the families of the Korahites. 25 Eleazar, Aaron's son, took one of the daughters of Putiel as wife; and she bore him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers' houses of the Levites by their families. 26 These are the [same] Aaron and Moses to whom the Lord said, Bring out the Israelites from the land of Egypt by their hosts, 27 And who spoke to [the] Pharaoh king of Egypt about bringing the Israelites out of Egypt; these are that Moses and Aaron. 28 On the day when the Lord spoke to Moses in Egypt, 29 The Lord said to Moses, I am the Lord; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you. 30 But Moses said to the Lord, Behold, I am of deficient and impeded speech; how then shall Pharaoh listen to me?

Exodus 6. The Genealogy of Moses

This is considered an abbreviated genealogy that mentions only the more prominent ancestors. According to this genealogy, Moses was the grandson of Kohath, yet in his day there were 8,600 Kohathites (Numbers 3:28) . Thus there is uncertainty as to the exact translation of Exodus 6:20 .(Halley's Bible Handbook; Henry Halley; 2000; Zondervan; Bible History & Commentaries; page 139)

God's Response To His Prophet: V 1 Pharaoh is not just going to let them go, he's going to drive them out. By the time they go, he's going to be glad to see them leave. V 2 " I am the Lord. " Many times we try to take that position away from Him, so He reminds us who He is. We are so prone to exalt ourselves or to exalt man, and we forget that He is the Lord and He is in control. When we forget that He is the Lord, then we fall into the category that Paul referred to in Romans 1:21. " When they knew God, they glorified Him not as God. " They began to take things in their own hands. They began to live as though God was their servant rather than they were God's servants. We need to be reminded that He is the Lord, and we need to remember the greatness of His power. His wisdom, and His glory. V 3 Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob called Him " Jehovah, " but not in the sense of " The Becoming One." They knew God, but their relationship was less intimate that what Moses would experience. God said, " They've not known Me by My name Jehovah. You, Moses, are going to know Me in a closer, more intimate way. " God wants to relate to you in this way, so He sent His only begotten Son that you might relate to God as a father with his child, that you might boldly come into His presence, and that you might receive mercy in your time of need. V 4-5 " I know, I heard, and I have remembered My covenant." Sometimes because of time delays we feel that God has forgotten His promises to us. " In the last days," the Bible says, scoffers will say, " Where is the promise of the coming of Jesus Christ?" (2 Peter 3:3-4). Because of the time delay men will scoff, but " God is not slack concerning, His promises as some men count slackness, but is faithful." (2 Peter 3:9). VV 6-8 Here God states what He will do for His people---seven " I wills" that they can be sure will come to pass. Symbolically, Israel's journey typifies the experience of the child of God. We come out of bondage through the Red Sea, baptism, into a new relationship of faith with God in the wilderness and on in through the death of the old life and the old self into the land of Promise, a life of richness and fullness. V 9 They were so discouraged because of these things the Egyptians were laying upon them, that even when Moses came with these glorious promises and declarations of God, the people just couldn't believe it. V 12 Moses is still dragging his heels at the call of God, at the commission of God upon his life. VV 14-25 At this point there is inserted a little genealogy of the first three sons of Jacob. With Reuben and Simeon, Israel's first two sons, it lists just the names of their sons, as seen in Genesis. However, Levi's genealogy lists the sons, grandsons, and great-grandsons in order to bring us down to Moses and Aaron. VV 28-30 A recap is inserted after the genealogy to bring us to chapter 7. (Old Testament Study Guide; The Word For Today; 2005; Chuck Smith; commentaries; pages 25-26)

2 Peter 3:3-4 (AMP)

3 To begin with, you must know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires 4 And say, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.

2 Peter 3:9 (AMP)

9 The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises, according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you, not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.

What Should You Do When Your Plans Seem Hindered?**1 Thessalonians 2:18**

Have you ever pursued something that you believed was God's will, yet obstacles seemed to keep you from doing what you thought you were supposed to do? If you have, don't feel alone, because many people have been in that same position! Even the apostle Paul felt this way from time to time! But what should you do in times like these?

Today I want you to particularly notice the word "hindered" in the verse above. It comes from the Greek word *egkopto*, an old word that was originally used to describe a road so deteriorated and broken up that it was impassable.

Have you ever driven down a road on your way to your destination, only to discover that the road you're driving on is too full of ruts and holes to continue your journey? As a result, you have to turn around, go back, and find another route to get where you are going. Well, that is exactly the image the word *egkopto* portrays to us!

Paul uses this word to describe hindering forces that kept him from going to see the Thessalonians. There is no doubt that this means Paul was on his way to see them—not once, he says, but twice. But the journey became so filled with danger and unexpected bumps that Paul had to turn around, go back, and rethink his strategy on how he was going to get to the church at Thessalonica. Can you think of a time when you encountered something like this in your own journey?

But the word *egkopto* means even more than this! It was also used in Greek times in an athletic sense. It was used to portray the moment when a runner comes alongside another runner and literally elbows him out of the race. Although the second runner was running a good race, he is shoved out of the way by the aggression of his fellow runner. As a result of this action, the runner who was elbowed loses the leading edge he previously held.

This categorically means that Paul understood Satan's tactics. The enemy had tried to make use of dangerous and unexpected bumps along the way to throw Paul off track and to elbow him out of his spiritual race. In fact, Paul was convinced that Satan had specifically engineered these unforeseen and unanticipated hassles to keep him from getting to the Thessalonian church. When these two ideas are combined together, the primary idea of the word "hindered" becomes that of an impasse so severe that it prohibits you from going where you need to go or an aggressor who unkindly elbows you off course in your spiritual race.

Paul is actually saying: "... Satan created an impasse that kept me from coming to see you." "... Satan put obstructions in my path to prevent me from getting to you." "... Satan cut in on me and prohibited me from visiting you as I wanted to do." "... Satan tried to elbow his way in on me to keep me from coming to see you."

When something happens that seems to prohibit you from doing the will of God, remember that you are not the first to encounter such difficulties. Others have been in the same quandary. In time, however, the devil's attack ceased, and the way for them to move ahead became clear. In the same way, you can be sure that God is going to empower you and give you the wisdom you need to get where you need to go! Don't despair—the story isn't over yet! Don't throw in the towel and give in just because you've hit some kind of impasse. The devil has never had the last word on anything, and he isn't going to have the last word on this situation either. Regardless of what the devil has tried to do, it's time for you to remember that what God promised SHALL come to pass as you hold fast to your faith in Him!

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

Can you think of times in your life when you've experienced impasses that eventually moved out of the way? ..What actions did you take that caused those devilish assaults and roadblocks to dissipate? ..Have you asked the Holy Spirit to show you the real root cause of any current impasse you're facing, as well as the steps you can take to close the door to the devil and reverse your situation? Sparkling Gems from the Greek.

I am the Lord: Ex 6:2 — And God said to Moses, I am the Lord. Ex 6:8 — And I will bring you into the land concerning which I lifted up My hand and swore that I would give it to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; and I will give it to you for a heritage. I am the Lord [you have the pledge of My changeless omnipotence and faithfulness]. Ex 6:29 — The Lord said to Moses, I am the Lord; tell Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I say to you. Eze 20:7-9 — Then said I to them, Let every man cast away the abominable things on which he feasts his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am the Lord your God. 8 But they rebelled against Me and would not listen to Me; they did not every man cast away the abominable things on which they feasted their eyes, nor did they forsake the idols of Egypt. Then I [thought], I will pour out My wrath upon them and finish My anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. 9 But I acted for My name's sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the [heathen] nations among whom they dwelt, in whose sight I made Myself known to them by bringing them out of the land of Egypt.

I will bring: Ex 3:17 — 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. Ex 7:4 — But Pharaoh will not listen to you, and I will lay My hand upon Egypt and bring forth My hosts, My people the Israelites, out of the land of Egypt by great acts of judgment. Dt 26:8 — And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm, and with great (awesome) power and with signs and with wonders; Ps 81:6 — I removed his shoulder from the burden; his hands were freed from the basket. Ps 136:11 — And brought out Israel from among them, for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever; Ps 136:12 — With a strong hand and with an outstretched arm, for His mercy and loving-kindness endure forever;

Redeem: Ex 15:13 — You in Your mercy and loving-kindness have led forth the people whom You have redeemed; You have guided them in Your strength to Your holy habitation. Dt 4:23 — Take heed to yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything which the Lord your God has forbidden you. Dt 7:8 — But because the Lord loves you and because He would keep the oath which He had sworn to your fathers, the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Dt 15:15 — And you shall [earnestly] remember that you were a bondman in the land of Egypt and the Lord your God redeemed you; therefore I give you this command today. 2Ki 17:36 — But you shall [reverently] fear, bow yourselves to, and sacrifice to the Lord, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt with great power and an outstretched arm. 1Ch 17:21 — And what nation on the earth is like Your people Israel, whom God went to redeem to Himself as a people, making Yourself a name by great and terrible things, by driving out nations from before Your people, whom You redeemed out of Egypt? Ne 1:10 — Now these are Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power and by Your strong hand. Isa 9:12 — The Syrians [compelled to fight with their enemies, going] before [on the east] and the Philistines behind [on the west]; and they will devour Israel with open mouth. For all this, [God's] anger is not [then] turned away, but His hand is still stretched out [in judgment]. Isa 9:17 — Therefore the Lord will not rejoice over their young men, neither will He have compassion on their fatherless and widows, for everyone is profane and an evildoer, and every mouth speaks folly. For all this, [God's] anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out [in judgment]. Isa 9:21 — Manasseh [thirsts for the blood of his brother] Ephraim, and Ephraim [for that of] Manasseh; but together they are against Judah. For all this, [God's] anger is not turned away, but His hand is still stretched out [in judgment].

(AMP Bible; The Everyday Life Bible; Joyce Meyers; Scripture; Commentaries; Past Pastor Sermons; Dictionary; 2006; pages 96-97) (Word 9 Bible Software; 2010; Concordance, Dictionary, Scripture, Sermons of Saints past, Maps, Devotionals; Sparkling Gems From The Greek)