



BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD!

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Recap of The Route to Greatness Feb 04

Five Milestones to Attain in 2018:

1. Choose Life.
2. Emulate Righteousness.
3. Be Diligent; Make the Most of Every Opportunity.
4. Give Sacrifice of Praise and Thanksgiving.
5. Allow God to Fight Your Battles.

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TEXT

"Be still, and know that I am God! I will be honoured by every nation. I will be honoured throughout the world." The LORD of hosts is with us; The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Psalm 46:10-11 (NLT)

"Let go [of your concerns]! Then you will know that I am God. I rule the nations. I rule the earth." (GW@T)

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NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON IS, GOD'S WILL IS TO BRING US TO A GOOD END:

2 Peter 3:9 says "The Lord is patient toward us, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance."

Ezekiel 33:11

"As I live!" declares the Lord GOD, "I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that the wicked turn from his way and live."

If we examine two examples - Jonah and Joseph:

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In Jonah 1, the word of the LORD came to Jonah:

²“Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

Brethren, we recall that Jonah, for whatever reason, refused to go and instead boarded a ship to run away,

³ But Jonah ran away from the LORD and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the LORD.

Though Jonah was disobedient, God did not allow him to perish. He still rescued him and put him in the direction God wanted him to go.

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⁴ Then the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.

⁷ Then the sailors said to each other, “Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity.” They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.

¹⁵ Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm.

You can imagine the fear that gripped Jonah

¹⁷ But the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish 3 days and three nights.

There he began to pray....

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2 ¹ From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God.

¹⁰ And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

3 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: ² “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³ Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh.

Brethren when we have slipped, knowingly or unknowingly, if we pray, He forgives and restores us.

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Philippians 4:6-7, we are told to ⁶ be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

All Jonah did was to pray, ask God for forgiveness and redirection. God answered him instantly.

Lamentations 3:21-23 says **“But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope:** The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

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In **Genesis 39** we see the case of Joseph, who as servant in Potiphar house who throne into prison because he stood his ground not to sin against God.

⁵ From the time Potiphar put Joseph in charge of his household and of all that he owned, the LORD blessed the household of the Egyptian because of Joseph.

⁷ - ⁹ Joseph's commitment not sin against God by sleeping with Potiphar's "How could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" landed him in prison.

¹⁹ When Potiphar heard the story his wife told him, he burned with anger. ²⁰ Potiphar took Joseph and put him in prison.

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Brethren, you can imagine that at this outcome, Joseph must have wondered what he could have done otherwise to please God. Why did the Lord allow this to happen to him?

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But while Joseph was there in the prison, ²¹ the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. ²² So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. ²³ The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

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⁴¹ So Pharaoh put Joseph in charge of the whole land of Egypt.” ⁴² Pharaoh took his signet ring from his finger and put it on Joseph’s finger. He dressed him in robes of fine linen and put a gold chain around his neck. ⁴³ He had him ride in a chariot as his second-in-command.

Brethren, no matter what, be still and know that He is God. If you have fallen (like Jonah), ask for forgiveness and if you are punished unduly (like Joseph), God will deliver you. Even if your case is different, wait for God, He will surely come

God Bless You!

2018 PRAYER POINTS

1. **Prayer over the message of today. Ask God for grace to be STILL BEFORE HIM**
2. **Pray that KCM will continue to fulfil its destiny as God's house of prayer for all nations (Isaiah 56:7)**
3. **Prayer for Leadership of Nations ...**
 - a. **The Lord to open their eyes to see the needs of the people**
 - b. **Leaders to be positioned to receive/work with parts so that God will connect the dots.**
4. **God to eradicate Troubles/Wars in nations so that people will be free to serve the Lord.**
5. **God to hear our prayers and cleanse our land (2 Chro 7:13-18). Pray against chronic diseases and sicknesses in our midst.**
6. **Pray for Minsters, Ministries, Missionaries and Missions and the commission to win souls**
7. **Sustained Marriages, God fearing Children & families to stay together**
8. **Pray for Members of the fellowship – grace to be still and put confidence in the Lord.**
- 9 **Needs in fellowship & and any special request we have not covered**
10. **Commit the week unto God and pray for next Sunday.**

