

THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.

JESUS CHRIST IS THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY AND FOREVER.

“GOD COMMITS HIMSELF: Part 1”

- THE EGYPTIANS YOU SEE TODAY, YOU WILL SEE NO MORE

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ANCHOR BIBLE REFERENCES

➤ Hebrews 13: 5-8

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“Never will I leave you;
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➤ ⁶ So we say with confidence,

“The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid.
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➤ ⁷ Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you.
Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

➤ ⁸ **Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.**



The Leaders, consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Luke 5:37-38

"No one pours new wine into old wineskins. If he does, the new wine will burst the skins, the wine will spill, and the wineskins will be ruined."

"Instead, new wine is poured into new wineskins."

(This year, we must have a fresh vision of our Christian life)

As we consider the life of the leaders and their faith, let us apply the lessons and, thus, create new wineskins and expand our spiritual container to enable God to move the mountains He has planned to move for us from 2023.

Our Mandate Remains:

➤ “The House of Prayer for all Nations; Extending God’s Love to all the Nations.”

➤ We are sowers (not eaters) but the sowers reap in multiple folds.

➤ **Ezekiel 22:30** ^{“30} And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge (wall), and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.”

➤ **2 Chronicles 7:13-14** “When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

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Exodus 14:13

13 “Moses told the people (the Israelite he was leading out of Egypt), “Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the LORD’s salvation, which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians you see today, you will never see again. **14**The LORD will fight for you; you need only to be still.”

Brethren, this is where we see a typical difference between:

WORKING FOR GOD and WORKING WITH GOD

In the entire journey of getting the children of Israel out of Egypt, **Moses was working with God**. And so when the Egyptians pursued the Israelites to the nip of the red sea, Moses knew that God would do something, though he did not know what strategy God would use.

Moses told them: Don’t be afraid; Stand Firm.

These are the two conditions we need when we are working with God. ‘Don’t be afraid’ has its implications and ‘Stand Firm’ has its implications.

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How do we know Moses was working with God, not working for God? These also provide lessons for us.

Exodus 3:1-3

➔ ¹Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and **he led the flock to the far side** of the wilderness (**twice his normal distance into the wilderness**) and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

He went deeper; He was attentive; He was interested.

Jesus asked, “do you want to get well?” (John 5:6) -⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, **“Do you want to get well?”** (the man who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years)

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Exodus 3:1-5

➤ ⁴ When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

➤ ⁵ “Do not come any closer,” God said. **“Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”**

In Joshua 5, we see a similar case as in Exodus 3:4-5

➤ ¹³ Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went up to him and asked, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”

➤ ¹⁴ “Neither,” he replied, “but as commander of the army of the LORD I have now come.” ¹⁵ The commander of the LORD’s army replied, **“Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy.”**

➤ **And Joshua did so.**

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➤ **Exodus 3:1-5**

- ¹⁰ So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”
- ¹¹ But Moses (thinking he was going to work for God) said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”
- ¹² **And God said, “I will be with you** (you are not working for Me, you are working with Me). And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”
- ¹⁹ **But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him.** ²⁰ **So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go.**

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Brethren, He is ‘GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.’

God never sends us to go and move the mountain on His behalf. He says, ‘I will go with you’; ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ I don’t want you to work for me, I want to work with you.

Moses told the Israelites “THE EGYPTIANS YOU SEE TODAY, YOU WILL SEE NO MORE” because He was confident that God was with them. He does not take any mountain lightly.

When the mountain of Jericho came up again Joshua, God ensured that He was there as the commander of God’s army.

In 2 Corinthians 10:4, God cautions us that the weapon of our warfare are not canal, they are mighty through God; they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

When it comes to battles and moving mountains, ensure that you are working with God NOT for God.

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Conditions attached to Working with God:

#1. Remove the sandals on your feet for where you are standing is a holy ground.

1 Peter 1:15-16 “But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; **16**for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”

Isaiah 59: 2-3 ²But your iniquities have built barriers between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He does not hear. ³For your hands are stained with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, and your tongue mutters injustice.

David understood this, so he was after God’s heart. Each time he fell, he immediately repented. He wrote the book of Psalms.

Psalms 24:³ Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?

Who may stand in his holy place?

⁴The one who has clean hands and a pure heart...

BOOTOM-LINE: “FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDS” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

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➤ **Example from Moses and Joshua**

➤ **Exodus 33:11** “The LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. Then Moses would return to the camp, but his young assistant Joshua son of Nun would not leave the tent.”

When one is working with God, God takes over the battle

In Numbers 14:6-9, ⁶ Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land (of Canaan), tore their clothes ⁷ and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. ⁸ If the LORD is pleased with us, He will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. ⁹ **Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them.**”

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#2: Do not be afraid

➤ In our text, Hebrews 13: 5-8

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#3: Stand still: - Do not Doubt

James 1:6 “you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.”

Mark 11:23 "Truly I tell you that if anyone says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and has no doubt in his heart but believes that it will happen, it will be done for him. (When we are working with God, it is not us to do it but God will do it)

God says “I will always do what He says He will do (Numbers 23:19).

Our text, **Hebrews 13: 5-8**, says that ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

David understood this and said (Psalm 100:5) “the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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Summary:

He is THE GOD THAT MOVES MOUNTAINS.

And He has committed Himself to us in many ways.

**“Never will I leave you;
never will I forsake you.”**

So committed to the course that Moses could confidently say to the children of Israel

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And brethren, God honoured Moses’ faith.

An example of people who worked for God is found in Luke 10 “Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-Two”. vs. 17 The seventy-two returned with joy and said, “Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name.”

God Bless You!