

“The Strength to be Weak”

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2 Corinthians 12:3, 7-10 KJV – “And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) ⁷And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. ⁸For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. ⁹And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.”

Exodus 3:1-4,6-7,10-11,14 KJV – “Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. ²And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. ³And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. ⁴And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. ⁶Moreover he said, I am the God of thy 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 upon God. ⁷And the Lord said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; ¹⁰Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. ¹¹And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? ¹⁴And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.”

Exodus 4:10-12 KJV – “And Moses said unto the Lord , O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant: but I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue.”

If you come away from what you perceive to be a spiritual encounter the same person you were before that encounter, you have NOT yet encountered the I AM!

A. The presence of God changes me!

Isaiah 6:1,5 KJV – “In the year that king Uzziah died I saw also the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. ⁵Then said I, Woe is me! for I am undone; because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for mine eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts.”

Whenever I see an arrogant saint, I know they have not yet truly and fully encountered GOD with no obstructions.

Exodus 4:11 – “And the Lord said unto him, Who hath made man's mouth? or who maketh the dumb, or deaf, or the seeing, or the blind? have not I the Lord ? ¹²Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt say.”

B. Stop talking & Start Walking

There is a time in God to stop talking and start walking.

PowerPoint: Words affect attitude, but ACTIONS determine outcome.

C. Class is in session!

I will be with you, but notice He says, ‘I will TEACH THEE.....not give thee.....I will TEACH THEE what thou shalt say.

Teach = Yarah, meaning, to point out (as if by aiming the finger)

D. It won't happen....WITHOUT GOD

But may I submit to you that if God called you to do it, then you WILL NOT be able to do it without Him.

John 15:5 KJV – “I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.”

E. The Faith Factor

Anything that you do, initiate, undertake or create that God will find pleasing to Him will require FAITH.

PowerPoint: If faith is not involved in it, then God is not involved in it.

F. No More Excuses!

PowerPoint: God will not allow YOU to use YOU as your excuse not to DO what He called YOU to do.

Our weaknesses, doubts and insecurities are no surprise to God. God already knows our weaknesses. We are the ones receiving the revelation.

Psalm 39:4-5 KJV – “Lord, make me to know mine end, and the measure of my days, what it is; that I may know how frail I am . ⁵Behold, thou hast made my days as an handbreadth; and mine age is as nothing before thee: verily every man at his best state is altogether vanity. Selah.”

Vanity = Hebel - Temporary
- Transitory
- Empty
- A vapor

PowerPoint: You cannot separate dependency from destiny.

With you dependent upon God, you're able to do all things through him who strengthens you (Philippians 4:13–14).

Philippians 2:13-14 KJV – “For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.” ¹⁴ Do all things without murmurings and disputings:”

G. Watch your mouth

PowerPoint: You have to stop whining before you can start winning.

Always remember that it is YOUR WORDS that come out of YOUR MOUTH that are either healing you.....or killing you.

Proverbs 18:20-21 KJV – “A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. ²¹Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.”

H. Power to fulfill purpose!

Ephesians 3:20 KJV – “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us,”

Colossians 1:9-11 KJV – “For this cause we also, since the day we heard it , do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;”

Leave this class today resolved to stop making excuses.....and start making a difference!!