

## Turn Aside ! - Pt. 1

*“<sup>2</sup> And 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.<sup>3</sup> And Moses said, I will now **turn aside**, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.” - Exodus 3:2-3.*

### 1. Change Direction Mentally

Moses was busy doing his work faithfully as a shepherd. However, in order to witness a divine sight he had to change his direction - first mentally and then physically. Here Moses is making that mental shift before he execute his decision to turn away from the flock and head in the direction of the burning bush.

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Sometimes we, too, must be willing to turn away from those tasks that routinely occupy our time, and direct both our minds and attention on the things of God.

### 2. Reorganize Your Priority

Having a divine encounter may call for a shifting of priorities. The ‘turning away’ - meant that Moses re-organized his priority - even for a brief moment. This is always a challenge for most of us. Life can become so routine - work/study - eat - social media -sleep - and begin the daily cycle again. Somewhere within this cycle, family time and out daily devotional jostle for a spot, and may not always succeed.

Without thinking much about it we get stuck in this ‘rut’ and life passes by. We tend to pursue the material things in life, with the false belief that the acquisition of more stuff determines how successful we are. However, true success is in searching and finding the will of God for one’s life, and pursuing it with passion. All our needs shall be met and the material benefits will follow once we follow after God.

Matthew 6:33 reminds us :

*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

Don't be contented to live life only for material gain, and fail to pursue God and to seek out His will for your life. Matthew 16:26 asks the question:

*“For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses his soul?” -*

Perhaps, like Moses, your decision to turn aside from your busy schedule may arise out of curiosity. Having the will-power to do so is the first positive step. Moses had the will-power to momentarily turn aside from his hectic schedule of shepherding the flock, and to focus on the awesome wonder of the burning bush. In that split second he re-organized his priority, and looking after Jethro's flock was no longer his first priority.

Little did he know, that decision to turn aside unlocked the door through which he was able to meet face to face with God. Choices. Choices. Choices. In short, the choices we make about reorganizing our priorities - and putting God first - will determine whether we unlock 'spiritual doors' leading to divine encounters. Otherwise, we will miss our divine appointments.

Let's follow in Moses' footsteps and will ourselves to turn aside, albeit momentarily, and inquire into the divine. Be blessed.

### **Key Principles:**

- 1. There must be a shift in our thinking before there can be a change in our actions.**
- 2. We need to re-organize our priority, by breaking life's routine cycle, and putting God first.**
- 3. True success lies in searching out and finding what is the will of God for my life, and pursuing it with passion.**
- 4. All our needs shall be met and the material benefits will follow once we follow after God.**

## **5. The choices we make will determine whether we meet or miss divine appointments.**

*Heavenly Father,*

*Great is Your awesome name, and You are worthy to be praised! In spite of the hustle and bustle of life, I will myself to turn towards You, and make You, O Lord my first love. Today I re-organize my priorities. Nothing - no problem nor passion - will occupy first place in my life. Thank You, O Lord for clarity of mind, and the will-power to seek out and find Your will for my life. I call forth every divine appointment that will direct me into my purpose. Help me to pursue my divine purpose with passion, and with singleness of mind. No problem will distract me from this goal. Thank You, O Lord, for meeting all my daily needs and for the many blessings which will flow from my obedience. In Jesus' name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.*

**Memory Verse:**

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Matthew 16:26.***

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