

“I Will!” - Part 3

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

1. *Life’s Lesson: Blessings For Burdens!*

As a shepherd Moses was burdened with the demanding and, at times, stressful job of taking care of Jethro’s flock by himself. Yet he traded that burden momentarily for a life-changing blessing - *an opportunity to meet with God!*

In life it seems that we are either occupied with work or burdened by life’s problems. At times our jobs and problems can become so demanding that there seems to be little time left to meet with God in prayer or during our daily devotions.

Perhaps it worth trying Moses’ approach, and to say to ourselves...

*“**I will** now turn aside....”*

In life, be careful not to become so burdened by life’s problems that you miss the move of God! Moses decided to shift his focus away from the hungry bleeps of the sheep and goats in a dry place, and to focus instead on the fire of God! It was not an easy thing to do - to momentarily ignore his problems and to focus instead on the supernatural. But as we do so, we trade our burdens for the blessings of the Lord. Like Moses, we need to **will** ourselves to turn to God when trials and troubles stare us straight in the face, and are demanding our undivided attention.

Let’s put the power of “*I will!*” into practice. Purpose in your heart to seek after God, and to pursue the things of God. Don’t become so fixated on life’s problems that you can’t shift your focus unto God. Once we put God first, He will take care of your every need! His word in Matthew 6:31-34 will not fail:

31“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ 32For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. 33But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. 34Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

2. *Beware of The Spirit of Double-Mindedness!*

When I make an ‘I will!’ decision to change I have to be careful that I do not vacillate between two positions: ‘the new’ and ‘the old.’ ‘The new’ refers to the mental shift to change while ‘the old’ means staying in that place of mental bondage to our problems.

The latter seeks to keep us in a defeated position brought about by a sense of worry, hopelessness and surrender.

Moses made a resolute decision to take a mental ‘step up’ above the the hungry cries of his flock. By literally talking to himself he was able to encourage himself to break free from his ‘present position,’ and to venture into ‘a new place.’ It all begins in the mind, by first making a mental shift in our thinking. Then we make a bold declaration just like he did:

³ *And Moses said, **I will now turn aside**, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.”*

There was no room for double-mindedness in respect of his decision to act! Here is what the Word of God in James 1:5-8 says about being double-minded:

*“5If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6But let him ask **in faith**, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. 7For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; she is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”*

My decision to act (make that change) must be fueled by my faith in God. Also, if I doubt what I’m about to do, and I’m double-minded in my thinking, then I cannot receive anything from God. Why? Because I’m seen as unstable in my thinking and in my ways. Hence my decision to act must flow from a resounding “I Will!”

3. *God Will Watch Over You!*

Moses eventually decided that a closer investigation of the amazing sight of the burning bush was worth the risk of leaving his flock unattended. May I hasten to add, that once we focus on the things of God, God will take care of all our concerns. He watches over us. As stated before, it was not an easy decision for Moses. But once he willed himself to do it, he was also prepared to release all his fears, anxiety and worry unto God.

As stated, the ability to walk in faith also means that I must now trust God to watch over me, my family and my property, and hold on to His promises:

“ 22Cast your burden upon the LORD and He will sustain you; He will never let the righteous be shaken.” - Psalm 55:22

“Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.” - 1 Peter 5:7

Be blessed.

Key Principles:

- 1. Be prepared to take that risk and trade your burdens for the blessings of the Lord.**
- 2. Don't allow double-mindedness to keep you from walking into divine destiny, for a double-minded person shall receive nothing from the Lord.**
- 3. As you do God's will, He will watch over You.**

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for Your promise which says that You will sustain me as I cast all my cares upon You. I declare that I will not be shaken because You watch over me! Lord, as I will myself to take a new step in faith, I thank You for using me to accomplish great things on this earth, all for Your honour and glory! Today, I trade my burdens for blessings and wait in joyful expectation of what You are about to do in my life. I rebuke every spirit of double-mindedness, and declare that my steps are ordered by the Lord. I thank You for watching over me, my family and my property. In Jesus' name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

Memory Verse:

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