

“I Will!” - Part 2

“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. Don't Become Too Busy

While taking care of his flock, a ‘**distraction**’ appeared in the form of a flaming fire that did not scorch the area where it occurred:

“the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.”

It was indeed a curious sight, and one which **unexpectedly interrupted** Moses’ daily routine of caring for his flock.

While busy at work, we try to concentrate on the job at hand and minimize distractions and interruptions. But the above account teaches us that not all ‘distractions’ and ‘unexpected interruptions’ should be ignored. An event which momentarily distracts us from our daily routine may be God’s way of trying to get our attention.

Beware! Try your best not to become so absorbed in the ‘hustle and bustle’ of life that you miss ‘divine’ appointments. It seems as though the demands of life have conditioned us into a ‘sleep-eat-work/study-social media’ routine which consumes most of our time and energy. There seems to be little room for God in such a cramped and hectic lifestyle.

Without realizing it, the daily grind can cause us to become too busy for God. It happens to all of us. At times, I miss daily Bible reading or I forgot to pray because I may be late for an appointment. This, of course, is another ‘missed’ opportunity to meet with God. I must remind myself to take some time away from my busy schedule and ‘will’ myself to meet with God in my prayer room, and/or over the reading of His Word.



Moses was busy taking care of hundreds or perhaps thousands of sheep and goats, yet he willed himself to momentarily break free from his onerous task, and investigate the awesome wonder of the burning bush which he saw:

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

In short, we must never become too busy for God. Instead we should become busy with God, by doing His will and pursuing His purpose for our lives. God should always remain our First Love.

2. Moses' Dilemma

Shepherd Moses led his flock to the backside of the desert in search of food. It may have been a long journey, but the mission was to ensure that his animals were fed. As a shepherd, his job was burdensome. Not only did he have to secure food for the animals, but he also had to remain very vigilant to ensure that they did not fall prey to wild beasts. Nowhere in the account did we read that there were other shepherds who assisted Moses with his tasks. Exodus 3:1 clearly stated:

“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....” - Exodus 3:1

Moses had a very tough decision to make. Either continue the arduous task of a shepherd, or take his watchful eyes off the flock and expose them to possible attack by nearby predators as he investigates the burning bush. It was not an easy decision to make. Moses did not instinctively abandon the flock and went to investigate the curious sight of the burning bush. It was a hard decision to make. He willed himself to take that risk:

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3. *Count the Cost!*

The above account teaches me that everything someone decides to do for God always has a 'risk-factor' attached to it. Moses counted the cost of abandoning the flock, even for a brief moment. This is really one of life's key principles to live by. It is important that we carefully and prayerfully consider the 'price' that must be paid, and the sacrifices that must be made before we embark on any 'project' (for God). Luke 14:28-30 declares:

²⁸ "Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

Of course, the cost associated with embarking on a God-directed goal does not only refer to the monetary cost. For example, God in sending His Son to die on the cross for a wretched sinner like me and so many others, counted the cost and lovingly concluded that the death of His beloved Son was but a small price to pay for the redemption of mankind from the bondage of sin.

A related point is that we are God's ambassadors here on earth, and everything we do is supposed to bring honour and glory to God, and to His Son, Jesus Christ. If we embark on a work for God, and we are not able to finish it, we not only expose ourselves to ridicule by others, but we can also bring dishonour to God and to His Son, Jesus.

Moses counted the cost and willed himself to step up to the next level. We know that his life was never the same after that decision. Be blessed.

Key Principles:

- 1. Don't become too busy that you miss divine encounters with God or his emissaries.**
- 2. If you are not spiritually perceptive, you may think that every unexpected event which seeks to distract you from your daily routine is a bad thing. Some distractions are God's way of luring you into divine destiny.**



3. Always ‘count the cost’ before you start to ‘build’ for God. At the end of the day, our works are supposed to honour and glorify God and His Son, Jesus.

Heavenly Father,

I praise Your holy name! Thank You for helping me to understand when I have become too busy for You. Open my spiritual eyes so I can identify those divine distractions which are meant to usher me into my destiny. Give me the wisdom to know the difference between divine distractions and other distractions that seek to draw me away from Your presence. Strengthen my will, so I can make decisive decisions after I have prayerful and carefully counted the cost and sacrifices which are required of me. Thank You for guiding my steps through the Holy Spirit, and for answering my prayer. In Jesus’ name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen.

Memory Verse:

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