

## “I Will!” - Part 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. Momentary Change In Focus

For a brief moment, Moses’ focus changed. His curiosity shifted his gaze away from his flock and towards the burning bush which caught his attention. Exodus 3:2 says:

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

But then he made a **very profound** statement:

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

Why did he say that if he was already looking at the the strange phenomenon? I believe that although the strange event caught his attention, he wanted to go a step further and pursue his curiosity and further investigate this peculiar sighting.

However, there are some biblical truths which can be gleaned from his deep revelation. Let us first look at the power of “**I Will!**” The rest of his statement (as underlined above) will be discussed later on.

### 2. I Will!

First, there was a mental shift... “I will...” Moses purposed in his heart to make a change. A free and conscious decision to do something is very essential before we can step up to the next level with God. It always begins with a thought- an awakening - backed by decisive action.

Second, it was a personal decision... “**I** will...” No one told him to do anything. The best form of change is when a person makes an individual decision based on his strong conviction or belief. In most cases change is temporary when it occurs because we only wish to please someone else who told us to do it.

Third, when the decision to change is a personal one:

- (i) it is usually pursued with a sense of passion and,
- (ii) it carries with it a personal responsibility for the resulting action or consequences (good and bad!) that follow. In other words, we cannot thereafter play the ‘blame game’ and try to blame others if things go wrong.

However, once we make a decision to change which is in line with God’s plans for our lives, everything will eventually work out for the better.

Fifth, a mental shift occasioned by “I will” opens up the line of communication with

God. It is only when Moses made a conscious decision to pursue his heart's desire, that God called out to him. In short, God responds when we act.

Sixth, a personal decision to change, starting with the phrase “*I will*,” resuscitates and strengthens one's faith in God. “I will” is action-driven. James 2:26 makes a strong comparison to support the importance of faith followed by action:

*“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.”*

Therefore, as one ‘steps up’ into the unknown with a strong dependence on God, his faith must be fed by his decisive action... and his action must continue to be fed by his unwavering faith in God. For it is also true that “works without faith is dead.”

‘Faith’ and ‘works’ therefore need each other for their symbiotic survival.

Moses made that bold step with two simple yet profound words... “**I Will.**” What about you? Are you willing to take that first step, and to make that ‘mental shift?’ Be blessed.

*Principles:*

- 1. Make a free and conscious decision to change today;*
- 2. Your decision should be a personal one which arises from a strong conviction or burning desire to change.*
- 3. That decision should be pursued with passion and a deep sense of personal responsibility;*
- 4. A mental shift occasioned by “I will” opens up the line of communication with God;*
- 5. A personal decision to change, starting with the phrase “I will,” resuscitates and strengthens one's faith in God;*
- 6. Our faith must be backed up by decisive action, and must leave no room for double-mindedness.*

*Heavenly Father,*

*Have Your way with me today as I make that free and conscious decision to change. Thank You for giving me that burning desire to change, and for Your love and patience in dealing with me. Help me to pursue my decision to change with passion and a deep sense of personal responsibility. Thank You for opening up the line of communication between us. As I spend more time in prayer and in Your presence, allow me to hear Your voice with clarity. I bind every spirit of distraction that will seek to pull me away from divine purpose. Strengthen my faith, O Lord. Help me to take always take decisive actions. I rebuke every spirit of double-mindedness that will try to make me unstable in my thinking. I declare the favour of God over my life, as I ‘step up’ to the next level. In Jesus’ name I pray with thanksgiving. Amen’*

**Memory Verse: “I will now turn aside...” - Exodus 3:3**