

God's Promise As We Move.

Whenever it comes to something of major change or transition we often look for a promise or a word that God is with us. It helps as a confirmation to know and put our faith out believing that God has got everything in hand.

It was on Monday I was sitting here in the church in the evening just singing and praying when I believe I got a word that I so needed to see and hear and believe for myself before anybody else to know that God had this move in His hands. Even as Pastors we go through similar thought patterns as any one else in situations like these and wait on God for a word of confirmation because like it or not there is the human element in us that tends to worry and consider the options and the fears of big change.

Isaiah 41: 8-10. (GW) *"But you, Israel, are my servant. You're Jacob, my first choice, descendants of my good friend Abraham.*

God here is referring to:

- (1) the seed of Abraham according to the flesh;*
- (2) the true seed who are heirs of the faith of Abraham;*
- (3) the seed, which is none other than the Christ Himself*

(Romans 9:7; Galatians 3:7; Galatians 3:16). We are the children of promise and those who are of faith) I pulled you in from all over the world, called you in from every dark corner of the earth, I've chosen you; I haven't rejected you.'

10 Don't be afraid, because I am with you. Don't be intimidated; I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will support you with my victorious right hand.

First thing God is saying is that He is with us, and that He is our God. *"I'm with you"*. God told Isaac in *Gen 24:26 "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you;* God told Moses, *"I am with you"*. God told Joshua *as I was with Moses so I will be with you. Fear not!*

This is a very re assuring word that God gives us in the midst of our mess and uncertainty. How comforting is it to know that the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, the God of the universe who created everything there is says, *"I am with you"*, so don't be afraid. It can't get better than that, can it?

The final words that Jesus spoke just before he left this earth recorded in Matt 28:20 were this, *remember that I am with you always until the end of time.* (lo! **I am** with you always even to the end of the age)

The words **"I AM"** are the two most powerful words of the Name of God. They are all composite, all complete, all fulfilling, all powerful and Almighty in every sense of the word. We can rely on the **"I AM"**.

Today God assures you and tells you this, *"I AM with you, I AM your God"*. He is a personal God, our personal Father, Saviour. He is all you will ever want. You can experience Jesus now.

When the Jews questioned Jesus in John 8:57-58 as to how old he was and whether He'd seen Abraham, Jesus gave this answer, *"before Abraham was, I AM"*, time cannot limit Jesus, He is timeless.

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday today and forever.

Isaiah 43:13 "Yes, I am God. I've always been God and I always will be God. No one can take anything from me. I make; who can unmake it?"

Ps 90:2 Long before you brought earth itself to birth, from "once upon a time" to "kingdom come"—you are God.

Because Jesus is the Great "I AM" We can unceasingly call on Him. He is what we need, when we need it. He is never on holiday, never slumbers nor sleeps. He is not too busy with more important things. He is never too tired, too angry, too frustrated, or too overwhelmed to be whatever it is we need. His customer service is the best.

When we are sad, depressed or lonesome, God is our loving, kind, encouraging friend.

- He is Our saviour and counsellor.
- He is our bountiful provider when we fall on hard times.
- He, Jesus, is our divine healer when we are sick.
- He is our mighty protector who guards us and keeps us safe and free from harm (
- He is the God who said in Isaiah 54:17 no weapon formed against you shall prosper..)
- He is the teacher that fills us with knowledge and wisdom and orders our steps.
- He is the architect that draws the well thought-out plans for our lives.
- He anoints us with talents, abilities, gifts, and gives us purpose.
- God is the author and prince of peace. He will go to battle for us and fight for us.
- He is our deliverer.
- He is our dwelling place, our hiding place of safety and security.
- He is our everlasting joy.
- He is our towering strength.
- He is our restored energy when we are exhausted.
- He is our motivator when we need encouragement.
- He is our beginning and our end. Hallelujah!

I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will support you.

God's assurance of strength, help and victory over sin and death is certain. When God says *"I will"*, **He will**. You can rely on that word.

Isaiah 9:6 tells us that his name is *Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*.

Isaiah 40:29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power to the weak.

Ps 28:7 The Lord is my strength and shield.

Ps 18: 2 The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God my strength in whom I will trust.

Ps 27 The lord is the strength of my life of whom shall I be afraid?

Ps 46 God is our refuge and strength. A very present help in trouble.

Ps 55:22 cast your burden on the Lord and He shall sustain you (support you).

Ps 62:7 God the rock of my strength.

Ps 121 says I will lift up my eyes to the hills, from where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord who made heaven and earth. The Lord will keep you/preserve / support you.

You can count on Jesus to meet all your needs according to his riches in glory. Philippians 4:19
You can be sure that God will take care of everything you need, his generosity exceeding even yours in the glory that pours from Jesus.

We see numerous examples in the bible of God's amazing provision for his people (eg: Elijah, Moses, Joshua, David, Peter, Paul to name a few)

Here's an amazing promise for you from Deut 31:6 *6 "Be strong. Take courage. Don't be intimidated. Don't give them a second thought because God, your God, is striding ahead of you. He's right there with you. He won't let you down; he won't leave you."*

Don't give your fears your inhibitions your anxieties, your negative thoughts, your weakness, your insecurities a second thought, Why? God is right there with you. He won't let you down. He won't leave you. Do not dwell or fuel what is of your carnal thinking or doing. Do not fuel the wrong thing because what you fuel will burn; instead fuel yourself with God's Word. Like David said I pant after you O God like the deer pants for water, let's be thirsty for more of God. We can move confidently into the next chapter can't we? Are you confident that God is able?

Imagine God being with us wherever we go, through thick and thin, through the good, the bad, the blessings, and the storms. No matter what, He is there. He is a shield of armour in the face of adversity, hovering over us providing safety and His powerful protection. He follows us everywhere. He will not forsake us. This is God's amazing promise. The Word of God does not lie. It is our personal guarantee, which is still alive today.

Feel let down, distanced from God, left you, abandoned, lonely, fed up? God is fighting for you. He never left you. That is the devil deceiving you whispering into your ear trying to discourage you and drag you down. Don't listen to the devil because he is a liar and the father of lies (John8:44) Rise up in Jesus name, take courage in Jesus name, Stand firm.

Jesus loves you. He has a great plan for your life. Only Jesus can go into your dark places and turn it around by lightening it up with his power.

Jesus is compassionate and is concerned for you, He is a God who can take care of you. Jesus can take your brokenness and make you whole person. Only Jesus can save you from your sin and surround you with His love & his power. He died for you and He rose again from the dead for you.

Will you trust Jesus? Will you put your life in his hands?

Prayer : Lord Jesus, I acknowledge my sin, I know you died for me to set me free. I repent of all sin in my life and I ask you to forgive me. Be my Lord and Saviour.

Let's listen to this song and sing along with it and declare the God is fighting for us.