

“IT’S YOUR TIME NOW!”

Isaiah 43:18-19

“Remember” ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the Wilderness, and rivers in the desert.”

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In many prophetic passages in Isaiah, the prophet foresaw a time of great difficulty for the Israelites – a time when they would be captives to their enemies. And a time when they were taken from the homeland and exiled in foreign countries. With their home and temple destroyed, and as the years in exile became many decades, the great question that burned in the hearts of the Israelites was ‘Is the situation hopeless?’ ‘Is there a way out of this impossible and difficult time?’ ‘Is there a way home?’ It was to people feeling completely hopeless whose faith was reaching breaking point that God stepped in and spoke. We too can ask those same questions because of the difficulty we are now experiencing – a political leader who cares nothing about the people he is supposed to serve; hurricanes one after another; earthquakes and fires that cannot be contained, mass murders and international and domestic terrorism. Is there a way out? How will you know it is your time?” You’ll know it is your time when ...

I. GOD PROPELS YOU INTO YOUR NEW!

Forget about what has happened; do not keep going over old history. Be alert, be present (be in the now!) Because I am about to do something brand new. It’s bursting out! Don’t you see it? (MSG). A new thing is something that has not occurred, some unheard of and wonderful event, that shall far surpass all that God had formerly done. Stop tripping on your shoulda, coulda, and wouldas! Do not hit the rewind button of your past! It rekindles the pain, hurt, betrayal, anger, disappointment and embarrassment you felt when you were going through. All of your “thens”, brought you to your “now”, and your now, will propel you to your “new”! Remember, there is a blessing on the other side of through. IT’S YOUR TIME NOW!

II. GOD PROVIDES YOUR NECESSITIES!

The bible says that God spoke to Israel and said He will provide because He loved them. He is with them. He created them for His glory. He formed them and made them. He has chosen them. He has declared and He has saved. Look at what He did in the book of Exodus. He went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night; He rained down manna and quail for the people to gather and eat each day and each night. God loves you so unconditionally and eternally. He pushes past your complaints, your criticisms and your culpability. He looks beyond your faults and sees your need. Even when you are in a dry, desolate and dismal place, God is able to provide everything you need to get through your wilderness. Little becomes much when it’s placed in the Master’s hand.

III. GOD POSITIONS YOU FOR YOUR NEXT!

In this text, God is positioning the children of Israel (His remnant people; the cluster) so they can be blessed and be a blessing. You should no longer look for the blessing because you are the blessing! God already brought them through the floods and fires, through the wilderness and dry places. So He has brought them from where they were to where He wants them to be. He is putting them in position for their next. Is that anybody’s story? You have personally witnessed what God can do on your behalf. How He can take everything the devil planned for evil and turn it around for good. Everything you have been through – a bad marriage, a wayward child, sickness in your body, loss of a loved one, foreclosure, repossession, unemployment, betrayal by a friend, physically and emotionally abused, abandoned by a parent, unexpected pregnancy, and infidelity in your marriage – no matter what it was, God brought you through it! You are still here! You did not lose your mind! You did not hurt those who hurt you! And you do not even look like what you have been through? God sees that and He honors that! God will only position you when He knows you are ready! Whatever the former things in your life that have held you back, set you back, and put you back, IT’S YOUR TIME NOW!

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