



Going forward

10 years ago the Lord woke me up with the Hebrew word “Kadima” which means “Go forward”. The message He gave me then is applicable for this present day. He very clearly spoke to me about Moses and the people of Israel standing by the Red Sea. He was speaking to me personally, but also to us, that **we are on the brink of a critical and radical change in our way of walking with God**. He is leading us into His supernatural ways, but it will not come without a Red Sea experience where the ways of Egypt are forever shut behind us.

It was God that very clearly hardened Pharaoh's heart. He allowed the enemy to pursue Israel in order to bring His people to a critical and life-changing crossroads. Behind her was Egypt and before her was the Sea. **There was absolutely nowhere to go and God had arranged it all!** Israel was not cornered by her natural circumstances nor by the enemy. Israel was cornered by God in order to press her into a greater trust that would usher her into a supernatural walk with Him. God was making it impossible for Israel to turn back.

It is at this crossroads that **God clearly exposed the deceived heart of His people on several fronts**, a heart that would prevent His people and us today from entering a miraculous walk with Him: They believed that Moses, God's servant, (and therefore God Himself) had deceived them about coming out of bondage to Egypt. They believed that they were on the verge of death. They believed that it was better to live as slaves than to die. And they were very afraid.

Fear always keeps us in bondage to the purposes of the enemy and it always tries to prevent us from stepping into God's supernatural ways. Fear causes us to reason and to retreat. Because of this, fear has to be exposed for what it really is and where it is coming from or else it will masquerade as wisdom or truth and we will build our lives around it. Fear is the devil's smokescreen that the Lord delights to blow away. The people of Israel cried out to the Lord in their distress and in their blindness to the unseen miraculous path of God before them. Their leader, Moses, said, "Do not be afraid. **STAND STILL** and see the salvation of the Lord which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today you shall see no more forever. The Lord will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." The man, Moses, was only partially right.

It is at this point that we see why God has brought Israel to the point of no return. He says to Moses, "**Why are you crying out to me? Tell the children of Israel to GO FORWARD.**" Israel, at least in their minds and hearts, wanted to go back to familiar territory, even if it meant bondage, but retreating meant sure death. Moses wanted to stand still, expecting to see a miracle within the parameters of their present circumstance. Much of the Body today is also seeking the miraculous where they are presently, but God is pressing many to take the necessary step outside of their familiar comfort zone in order to enter into His ways.

God always arranges circumstances that will enlarge our capacity to trust Him whenever He is about to bring us into a new revelation of who He is, in this case, the God of the Impossible. So God said, stop crying out to Me and move on into the unknown, into the place of impossibility. It is in the atmosphere of the impossible where miracles are born and flourish. Where you are still able to see, still able to reason and to control your circumstances, you are not yet poised to hear His instructions for the miraculous. The miraculous demands a child-like trust that takes us into the unknown, letting God our Father take us by the hand and walk us even where, in the natural, we don't want to go. The enemy wants us to stand still seeking a miracle that will never come, or to turn back because he wants not only to defeat us once and for all, but to prevent us from moving on into God's divine ways where there are no impossibilities, the place where even the enemy cannot tread.

The angel of the Lord said to Miriam, the mother of Jesus, "**WITH GOD NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.**" Do you hear this, my friend? With God by our side, NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE. If we can figure out our circumstances in the natural without God's intervention, then we will get natural results, but if we stretch forward into the impossible, then God begins to move and we will see His hand at work. In the original text the angel's words meant, "not one living word (rhema) is without the power of God." When God speaks, His power is incapsulated in that word to perform it. Our greatest stumbling block is in shrinking back in fear when God is telling us to move on.

When Jesus was on the cross, His mockers said, "come down and we'll believe you." The enemy wanted to thwart the imminent resurrection, glorification and ascension by convincing Jesus that salvation could come without His full death at the cross. It was the devil's strategy to stop Him from moving ahead into the full plan of salvation. **We too must go through the Red Sea into a baptism of death (to the natural, to the flesh, to our own ways) in order to see God's miraculous resurrection power in our lives.** As long as Jesus was on the cross in obedience, He was no longer in the hands of man and Satan, but in the hands of the Father. "Into Your hands, Father, I commit my Spirit." When we turn back from obeying the Lord's instruction, the enemy can lay hold of us, but in obediently following the Lord, even into a death to our own ways, we enter into the divine life and victory. Paul said, "forgetting those things that lie behind, I stretch forward for the goal of the upward call in Christ."

It was in the middle of the Red Sea, with the Egyptian army pursuing them, not knowing how they would make it alive to the other side, that God troubled the army of the Egyptians and fought for Israel. It was in the midst of the battle in the Sea that God commanded Moses to stretch forth his rod one more time so that the waters would cover the army of Pharaoh, leaving not one Egyptian alive to pursue Israel ever again. **God is saying to us all, "stop crying out to Me. Go forward."**

I encourage you all to take the steps the Lord is telling each of you personally to take, that will usher you into a greater dimension of His awesome supernatural ways. He wants to give you the desire of your heart to walk with Him like Jesus did. Don't be afraid. His perfect love is powerfully flowing and will cast out your fear as you take that first, even small, step. He longs to take you, His trusting children, to be with Him where He is, in His glory and power.

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