

## Another in the fire

Have you ever been in a situation where it seems like you are alone, or it feels alone? The truth is, there is another in the fire standing next to you. Don't miss Him. He is there to deliver you.

- **You are not alone.**
  - **Be of good cheer.**
  - **Be of courage.**
  - **You will never be alone.**
- A. Daniel 3:16-24 *"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king. But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up. Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: therefore, he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated. And he commanded the most mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Therefore because the king's commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste, and spake, and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king, True, O king."*
- a) Nebuchadnezzar thought these men were done. He had no idea, that there was someone else that was going to be in the fire.
  - b) You are not alone. You are never alone. No matter what we are going through, we don't get stuck in it. No matter what this is, it will come to an end.

c) You may be in the fire, but you won't get burned if you stay in faith, trusting and believing in God. You won't even smell like you have been in it.

d) God is not there with you to watch you burn, but rather to deliver you.

B. Isaiah 43:1-2 *"But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."*

a) Do not fear. God has redeemed you. Whether you pass through the waters that are to drown or overwhelm you or fires that want to burn, He has promised to be with you. You are not alone.

b) One reason we fear is that we have forgotten who is with us.

i) Financial need

ii) Diagnosed with some disease

iii) Marriage issues

iv) Children issues

v) Barren issues

vi) Sin issues (The anointing is present to break any stronghold of sin— Isaiah 10:17).

c) Some of you have gone through hell and back. You are going through a very difficult moment in your life. I'm here to tell you and remind you of the redeeming power that lies in Jesus.

i) There is hope for you.

d) The doctor's report is not the final report if you don't let it. Keep on believing. Do not give up hope.

e) Don't quit on God. Keep trusting and keep believing.

### C. I am with you always

a) Hebrews 13:5 *"Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, **I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.**"*

i) God has promised never to leave us nor to forsake us.

ii) We can rest assured that God will not lie and will not just speak to fill the paper.

b) Matthew 28:19-20 *“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, **I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**”*

i) God has promised to be with us not just once but always.

c) Isaiah 49:15-16 *“Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me.”*

i) God will not forget you. He has not forgotten you.

ii) We are continually before Him.

D. Mark 6:45-51 *And straightway he constrained his disciples to get into the ship, and to go to the other side before unto Bethsaida, while he sent away the people. And when he had sent them away, he departed into a mountain to pray. And when even was come, the ship was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. And he saw them toiling in rowing; for the wind was contrary unto them: and about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking upon the sea, and would have passed by them. But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out: For they all saw him, and were troubled. And immediately he talked with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. And he went up unto them into the ship; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves beyond measure, and wondered.*

a) Maybe you are in the center of God's will and things are coming at you like hell just broke loose.

b) Don't focus on your problem, challenge, or the difficulty you are going through.

i) You could miss the Lord by fixing your attention on your problems. Keep looking up, God is delivering you.

c) Be expecting God's natural and supernatural intervention. God is in the business of delivering His own. (Psalm 34:19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivereth him out of them all.)

## E. Jesus in the Boat

Luke 8:23-24 *“But as they sailed he fell asleep: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were filled with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. Then he arose, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there was a calm. Mark 4:37 “And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was **now full.**”*

- a) They were drowning and Jesus was right in their boat, yet they were trying to accomplish victory and deliverance without Him. It's only after they failed that they turned to the Lord. Why did they not turn to the Lord in the first place?
- b) Many people are in the same situation as the disciples. **They have Jesus in their boat, but they are busy trying to achieve everything without Him.** After all fails, then they decide to turn to the Lord. Why do we not turn to the Lord as our first resort?
- c) We can get our answers sooner and also avoid a lot of turmoil, headache, and heartaches if we learn to turn to the Lord as our first resort.
- d) Many people have their boats full of water and are in jeopardy, then they turn to the Lord.
  - i) People spend all the money they have at the Doctor, then when all fails, they turn to the Lord. I can only wonder how the Lord feels about that.
  - ii) Mark 5:25-27 *“And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, **and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment.**”*
    - We have all heard of Jesus. If not, now you are hearing of Him.
  - iii) We go to the lawyers and probably not even a thought of God runs in our minds and when we are broke and busted and we have come to the end of ourselves, then we turn to the Lord. It ought not to be this way.
- e) No one has promises to help us and come to our rescue except the Lord, yet we always keep Him as our last resort. No one knows us more than the Lord, yet we talk to God once we have failed in all our other endeavors.

## F. A very present help

Psalm 46:1-3 *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.”*

- a) God is not absent, but rather a very present help in time of trouble.
- b) As He was with Mishael, Azariah, and Hananiah, He is and will be with us.
  - i) **We are never alone.**
  - ii) We should not fear, no matter what happens.

**There is another in the fire with us.**

### **G. Not surrounded**

2 King 6:15-17 *“And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.”*

- i) It may look like you are surrounded, but you are surrounded by the Lord. Your enemies that seem to be surrounding you are truly surrounded by the Lord.
- ii) They that be with us are more than those against us.