

Turn The Page

Overcoming the Past and Moving Forward

Even if I'm stuck in the wilderness of the past, God still has a plan for me.

Ex. 3:4 "When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, 'Moses! Moses!' And Moses said, 'Here I am.' 6Then he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. 7The Lord said, 'I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey... 9And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.'"

I can turn the page because God is with me.

Ex. 3:11 "But Moses said to God, 'Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' 12And God said, 'I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.'"

Deut. 31:8 "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged."

Ex. 3:13 "Moses said to God, 'Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' Then what shall I tell them?'"

When I obey, God's power is revealed in me.

Ex. 4:1 "Moses answered, 'What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The Lord did not appear to you'? 2Then the Lord said to him, 'What is that in your hand?' 'A staff,' he replied. 3The Lord said, 'Throw it on the ground.' Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. 4Then the Lord said to him, 'Reach out your hand and take it by the tail.' Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand."

It's time to turn the page and move forward.

Ex. 4:10 "Moses said to the Lord, 'O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.' 11The Lord said to him, 'Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? 12Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.' 13But Moses said, 'O Lord, please send someone else to do it.' 14Then the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he said, 'What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can

speaks well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. ¹⁵You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. ¹⁶He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. ¹⁷But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it.”