

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

November 1st

Daily Devotional #32

We Are in the Season of DEDICATION

As We Ask, "What Is GOD Preparing Us/for Us to Do?"

Yesterday's devotional encouraged and challenged us to be completely and purposefully dedicated to GOD Almighty. It was a direct, even hard-hitting, study of Ephesians 2:10 where we see we are called, as Followers of GOD, to live life on earth not focused on things of this earth, rather, we are to live from a completely different perspective, from a completely different priority, in a completely different way of life. GOD's call is real, serious, and eternal. We are graciously invited to a saving and transforming grace. We are called to participate in that transformation.

While yesterday's devo was pretty "tough and challenging", today's devo is purposefully encouraging. While GOD's call is direct and asks us to sacrifice ourselves for His honor, it is also full of grace, compassion, and a deep, pursuing love. GOD's devotion and dedication to us is real and significant. John teaches us that "we love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). It is through receiving His grace-filled love, learning through Him, and following His lead that we are able to serve Him.

This One who loves us is powerful and creative and very, very good. In fact, He is the very definition of good, and of perfection. He is completely wisdom and knowledge. He is fully power and insight. And He is constantly and always with us and moving, preparing before us. He is I Am —forever yesterday, forever now, and forever in the future.

This is the One who loves us. This is the One who calls us. This is the One who transforms us. This is the One we serve.

So sit back and rest in His presence and His love (it is the Sabbath-proper, after all). Take time to dwell in His strength and character. Make time to speak words of Scripture to Him (the first few lines of Psalm 23 or 63 come to mind). And then give Him permission and room to speak to you. Invite Him in to where you are (He is already there), be receptive to Him.

Then, after a time, read the words to the song, "You Are I Am" by MercyMe. Better yet, put on your headphones and listen to/watch several it times by clicking:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2JI4CPfuLW0>

Dedicate some purposeful time, today, to rest in and worship the Great I Am. He loves you. He has created and recreated you. And He gently calls you Home to His presence in this and every moment...

"You Are I Am"

I've been the one to shake with fear
And wonder if You're even here
I've been the one to doubt Your love
I've told myself You're not enough

I've been the one to try and say
I'll overcome by my own shame
I've been the one to fall apart
And start to question who You are

You're the One who conquers giants
You're the One who calls out kings
You shut the mouths of lions
You tell the dead to breathe
You're the One who walks through fire
You take the orphan's hand
You are the One Messiah
You are I am
You are I am

I've been the one held down in chains
Beneath the weight of all my shame
I've been the one to believe
That where I am You cannot reach

You're the One who conquers giants
You're the One who calls out kings
You shut the mouths of lions
You tell the dead to breathe
You're the One who walks through fire
You take the orphan's hand
You are the One Messiah
You are I am
You are I am

The veil is torn
And now I live with the Spirit inside
The same one, the very same one
Who brought the Son back to life

Hallelujah, He lives in me
Hallelujah, He lives in me
Hallelujah, He lives in me
Hallelujah, He lives in me

You're the One who conquers giants
You're the One who calls out kings
You shut the mouths of lions
You tell the dead to breathe
You're the One who walks through fire
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