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“Assistance through Resistance”

“When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.” (Isaiah 43:2)

Struggling Servant

Exodus 6:9-13, 7:1-2 – (9) “Moses spoke thus to the people of Israel, but they did not listen to Moses, because of their broken spirit and harsh slavery. (10) So the LORD said to Moses, (11) ‘Go in, tell Pharaoh king of Egypt to let the people of Israel go out of his land.’ (12) But Moses said to the LORD, ‘Behold, the people of Israel have not listened to me. How then shall Pharaoh listen to me, for I am of uncircumcised lips?’ (13) But the LORD spoke to Moses and Aaron and gave them a charge about the people of Israel and about Pharaoh king of Egypt: to bring the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt. (1) And the LORD said to Moses, ‘See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron shall be your prophet. (2) You shall speak all that I command you, and your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land.’”

Jeremiah’s Conscription

Jeremiah 1:6-8, 17-19 – (6) “Then I said, ‘Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.’ (8) But the LORD said to me, ‘Do not say, ‘I am only a youth’; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. (8) Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.

(17) But you, dress yourself for work; arise, and say to them everything that I command you. Do not be dismayed by them, lest I dismay you before them. (18) And I, behold, I make you this day a fortified city, an iron pillar, and bronze walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, its officials, its priests, and the people of the land. (19) They will fight against you, but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, declares the LORD, to deliver you.”

Encouraged by Jesus

Luke 10:17-20 – (17) “The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, ‘Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!’ (18) And he said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. (19) Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. (20) Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.’”

Matthew 28:18-20 – (18) “And Jesus came and said to them, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

You are More Profitable than you think

Isaiah 49:3-6 – (3) “And he said to me, ‘You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.’ (4) But I said, ‘I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God.’ (5) And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— (6) he says: ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’”

Pushback

James 4:7 – “...Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”

Matthew 4:3-4 – (3) “And the tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.’ (4) But he answered, ‘It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

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