

God is Moving

Men, Women & Angels

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Angels

Hebrews 1:14 (NIV®)

Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

Daniel 12:1 (NIV®)

"At that time **Michael, the great prince who protects your people**, will arise."

Men & Women

Ephesians 1:22–23 (NIV®)

²² And God placed all things under his feet (Jesus) and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

Romans 5:10 (NIV®)

For if, when we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life!

2 Corinthians 5:19 (NIV®)

that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.

II. God Moves Through People

Judges 6:11–16 (NIV®)

¹¹ The angel of the Lord came and sat down under the oak in Ophrah that belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, where his son Gideon was threshing wheat in a winepress to keep it from the Midianites. ¹² When the angel of the Lord appeared to Gideon, he said, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior." ¹³ "But sir," Gideon replied, "if the Lord is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our fathers told us about when they said, 'Did not the Lord bring us up out of Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and put us into the hand of Midian." ¹⁴ The Lord turned to him and said, "**Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian's hand. Am I not sending you?**" ¹⁵ "But Lord," Gideon asked, "how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family." ¹⁶ The Lord answered, "**I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites together.**"

Judges 6:23–24 (NIV®)

²³ But the Lord said to him, "Peace! Do not be afraid. You are not going to die." ²⁴ So Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord is Peace. To this day it stands in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

Abram

Genesis 15:3 (NIV®)

And Abram said, "You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir."

Moses

Exodus 3:11 (NIV®)

But Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Esther

Esther 4:10–11 (NIV®)

¹⁰ Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, ¹¹ "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that he be put to death. The only exception to this is for the king to extend the gold scepter to him and spare his life. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king."

Rahab

Hebrews 11:31 (NIV®)

By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

Peter & the Disciples

Matthew 26:33–35 (NIV®)

³³ Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." ³⁴ "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." ³⁵ But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the other disciples said the same.

Paul

1 Timothy 1:12–13 (NIV®)

¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me faithful, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief.

III. An Individual Struggle

1 John 1:6–7 (NIV®)

⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

I rejoice that through the blood of Jesus I have been delivered out of the hand of the devil. The blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, continually cleanses me from all sin. In humility, I acknowledge my need of forgiveness and my need to forgive others. I release all of those who have wronged me, harmed me or caused me pain—I entrust them to Your care. I thank You now that I am free. I have been reconciled to God, set free to fulfill God's purposes for my life—In Jesus' name, amen.