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Philippians 1:6 – “Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:”

Romans 8:30-31 – “Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?”

We have all been faced with a myriad of issues, some great and some small. At times this causes us to falter in our faith, becoming slack in our service to the Lord and having discord with our brothers and sisters. We often become weighted down with the cares of this life, so much so that we sometimes lose focus on the one who truly cares for us. Remember, God promised, “for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” Hebrews 13:5b. When this occurs, we can easily become defeated in our way of thinking, our actions towards God and each other, even in our speech, speaking words of doubt and fear instead of words of faith and encouragement. But know that when God is for us, there is nothing that will defeat us!

4 WAYS TO SHOW THAT GOD IS WITH US REGARDLESS OF HOW HARD THE TIMES GET:

1. **GOD WILL ALWAYS PROTECT HIS INVESTMENT** – Exodus 13:21-22, “And the LORD went before them by day in a pillar of a cloud, to lead them the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; to go by day and night: (22) He took not away the pillar of the cloud by day, nor the pillar of fire by night, from before the people.

- Message Notes: When God is with you: He will go before you (Psalm 119:105), He will strengthen you in your weakest hour (Psalm 18:2), He will settle you (1 Peter 5:10), He will cover you (Exodus 12:13 and Psalm 91), He will be an ever present help in times of trouble, (Psalm 86:7 and Psalm 91:15), He will comfort you during times of loneliness/heartbreak/despair (Matthew 28:20), financial issues (2 Corinthians 9:8).

It is written, Exodus 6:7, “And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD your God, which bringeth you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.” Read, Jeremiah 32:38.

2. **GOD WILL NEVER ALLOW YOU TO WALK ALONE** – Joshua 1:9, “Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.” Isaiah 41:10, “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.”

- Message Notes: Hard times are never pleasant; however, God can teach us a lot through hard times. During hard times, we will face trials, temptations, and tribulations, yet the Lord never leaves us during these times. It is written, Psalm 23:4, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.”

3. **GOD WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO EXPERIENCE THE DIFFICULTIES OF LIFE AND NOT BE THERE WITH YOU** – Isaiah 43:2-3, “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. (3) For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.”

- Message Notes: Think for a moment, what you are dealing with? What you are going to have to encounter. What you are believing God for. Regardless of the size of it, regardless of the strength of it, regardless of the weight of it – **NOTHING, ABSOULETLY NOTHING** that comes our way will occur and God not be with us. It is written, Genesis 18:24, “***Is any thing too hard for the LORD? At the time appointed I will return unto thee, according to the time of life, and Sarah shall*** have a son.”

It is written, Numbers 23:19, “God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do *it*? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?”

4. **GOD WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO FALL NOR BE DEFEATED, EVEN WHEN YOUR ENEMIES ARE LAYING SNARES** – Psalm 27:2, “When the wicked, *even* mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.”

- Message Notes: When you are committed to the will of God and the Word of God, **God will** first:
 1. Make your crooked ways straight. Isaiah 45:2, “I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron.”
 2. Make your enemies be at peace with you. Proverbs 16:7, “When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.”
 3. Silence the mouths of every lion. Hosea 2:17, “For I will take away the names of Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be remembered by their name.” It is written, Isaiah 56:10-12, “His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber. (11) Yea, they are greedy dogs which can never have enough, and they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter. (12) Come ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink; and to morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.”
 4. Prosper us in the face of adversity. 1 Timothy 1:7, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.”

CONCLUSION: Man can not stop what God has approved and anointed. It is written, Isaiah 14:27, “For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul *it*? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?. We must bring back the fear of God to the temple of God and be afraid to disrupt the plans of God, for the people of God.

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