

It's My Time and I Am Ready For The Next Step!

Luke 13:10-12 NIV

With each New Year it brings about goals, goals that many times are the same goal you set the previous year. You make your plan to lose weight and get fit; you plan to spend more time with God or maybe go back to school but some how you never make it past the third week of January. God tells us in Proverbs 16:9 a hu-mans heart plans his way but the Lord directs his steps. You can't take a step toward your goal without Christ leading the way.

Everyone has been called by God, you have a mission or an assignment. You were created with purpose and in your own unique way your life will glorify God. No matter what you choose whether to live a life for good or for evil God in His magnificence has repeatedly shown you either way He alone will get the glory. The question that remands will you allow Him to use you for good or will you allow Satan to use you for evil? Do you want to remain bent over? Will you continue to allow the burdens of life to weigh you down? Like this woman in the passage of scripture will you seek God to have Him heal you so your perspective can change? This woman was not able to life her head up for 18 long years, for 18 years she could only look down. She could not see past her next step. She was living a life that was bent over and crooked. She was tortured by a spirit of oppression. Since she could not be possessed inwardly she was oppressed outwardly. That may be your story today. You are a believer so demons can not possess you but outwardly spirits may be oppressing you. It's time! Time to take the next step!

God Anoints and Appoints

God has set you apart with specific appointments in place. He has graced you with the power to have a positive impact on this world. If you allow Him he will bless you with a life that adds value to others and in allowing Him to use you there will be the fulfillment you are looking for in life. If you rest in His care by believing and receiving God will take of all the rest. You don't have to try to figure it out. Position yourself to follow God and He will lead you to be in the right place at the right time. Be determined! This woman was determined for 18 years she didn't let go of the hope. She hoped on day after day year after year. She allowed hope to move her into action. She didn't sit home and just complain about her situation. No! She got up and went into the place where the presence of God was. She positioned herself so that her healing, her transformation could be received. It wasn't easy or convenient for this woman to get to the synagogue. With each step she took she got one step closer to her victory. Sitting still in the same place will only guarantee there is no change in your situation. Get moving!

If you read on in Luke 13, Jesus tells the story about the mustard seed. He talks about faith being able to move mountains. God didn't call you to climb the mountain but to speak to the mountain. As you continue to move forward towards your victory stop talking to God about your issue; start speaking to your issue about your God.

I'm Ready To Be Unbent!

Now that you have made up your mind that you want to be unbent be aware the devil will do all he can to discourage and distract you from achieving your goal. These next steps will assist you in positioning yourself for God to lead you to victory.

Step 1: Show Up- Be where God wants you to be. Show up so He can see you. Be at church with other believers where you can be encouraged. Be present in the praise and worship. Hear the word of God being preached. Study God's Word. When you do you will be empowered and with the power comes the opportunity to use the power.

Step 2: Jesus Called- Jesus calls us to move forward. Don't continue to focus on where you have left (your past) be focused on moving forward. Remember negative draws negative and positive draws positive.

Step 3: Jesus Speaks- Be determined to win the fight. Her determination positioned her to hear Jesus speak her healing into her life. Learn to go through the process and when you do like this woman you will be released.

Step 4: Jesus Touches- After Jesus spoke her healing into her life He then touched her. Don't be the type of person who is healed and you never straighten up. Allow His touch to straighten the crooked places in your life and lead you into a lifestyle that praises God.

Not On Your Merit

It's not on your merit that God blesses you and sets you apart for His use. It's because you are a child of Abraham. In verse 16 of Luke, you read it was because of the promise made to Abraham. In Genesis God told Abraham that through his decedent all the nations will be blessed. That descendent is Jesus. Because you are in Jesus you have access to all that God promised Abraham. You are blessed because you are a son/daughter of Abraham. If you just let go, God will. Take your hands off and let God put His hands on! Invite Jesus into your bent life!