

## There is a Place



You hear me calling out to whoever will hear. “There is a place that springs forth eternal hope. There is a place where the supplies are unlimited. There is a place in which strength is readily available.” These words pierce your heart. Compellingly aware now that you need what you are hearing, you begin to think, “If I could just go to that place...” Then you look at me. “Take me to that place!” you beseech me with desperation. “I’ve got to get there!” I begin to move ahead of you. After a few steps, I motion to you and say, “Let’s go.” You put aside fear and uncertainty and follow after me.

You are careful to observe everything along the path that I am leading you. On one side you see the loyalty and dedication needed to continue this course. It requires a hundred percent commitment to the LORD. There cannot be any backup plans. You realize that you can withhold nothing. It must all be surrendered to Him. Every bit of pride and self-reliance must be turned over to Him. You give up your way of doing things. Nothing can take preeminence before Him. He has to be number one. Only understanding this can you progress. You do, but then you look to the other side and surprise hits you.

It shocks you to behold what awaits you on the opposite side of the path. You see confidence and assurance to a level that few have attained to. It becomes clear to you that you must embrace firmly a love for yourself coupled with a deep belief in yourself if you hope to arrive at this place. Only then can you proceed in this path. No, you have not made a wrong turn. This is how the LORD sees you, and how He wants you to see yourself even if no one else does. A stubbornness is needed so that you are strongly rooted in this belief when others cannot see you in this way or refuse to acknowledge you. The problem lies in the fact that these people are your loved ones who have accompanied you for some time. It breaks your heart that you cannot take these individuals with you. However, they are not moving forward on this path. While you love them, you release them and continue towards your destination.

Still recovering from your loss and wiping tears from your eyes, you look ahead. What is it? You have arrived at that place. A joy begins to fill your heart unlike anything that you have ever felt before. What you see overwhelms you. Tears start to come, but so does laughter. A great calm comes upon you. You know that everything is going to work out in your life because of Jesus. At the same time, strength surges through you. Deep within you, you know that there is nothing that you cannot do while you are receiving and relying upon this strength. Mountains will be moved. Healing and miracles will come forth. The world will be impacted by this place that you have found. Things will get better. Looking all around you, you now know that this is the life that you were always meant to have.

Friends, this is to be your place. It is not a place that you go to from time to time. No, it is a place that you live from. As you continue to run after Him, maintain a life of surrender all of the while embracing completely who He says that you are. That place is yours. Make it so today and every day from now on.

Reflect on these scriptures:

**Psalms 46:4-5 ESV** There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. (5) God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**2 Peter 1:3-4 ESV** His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us to His own glory and excellence, (4) by which He has granted to us His precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.