

THE OTHER SIDE



4 Day
Devotional



AN INTRODUCTION

Have you ever felt like you've been stuck in life, or in your walk with the Lord? Have you experienced those moments in life where you've heard the word of the Lord and you know He has more for you, but all you can see are the impossibilities? This is exactly the place I was when I wrote "The Other Side". It's a prayer and an anthem of faith for the times in our life when we don't see a way to God's promise. In this 4 day devotional, I will share stories of some of the challenges I was facing and the message of hope that God imparted in me. Through scripture and testimony, we will take a journey together of faith and perseverance as we make our way to the other side.

Blessings,

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THE MOUNTAINS IN BETWEEN



Day 1

VERSE 1

I remember driving in my car to nowhere in particular when God gave me revelation for my season of life. Several months before this, the Lord spoke a very clear word to me and constantly confirmed it in many ways. God was calling me and my family away from the church I grew up in. I had been a part of this church since I was two years old. I was saved, baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit at this church. This was the place where I found my calling as a worship leader and a pastor. This church was all I really knew, and now, God was calling me to step away. I describe it as moving out of my spiritual parents basement. Although I was very excited about the things God had ahead for me, this uprooting process was very difficult and honestly, scary.

So as I was driving, the Lord gave me a picture. I saw myself standing at the base of a very large mountain. I knew that where God was leading me was on the other side of the towering obstacle in my way. I remember feeling lost and hopeless. How could I ever truly see and walk in the promises God had set before me. The first two lines of verse 1 perfectly describe where I found myself.

“When I face these mountains in between
The shadows where I’m hidden, and the place I’m called to be.”

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VERSE 1 (CONT.)

But God, in all His love and grace, revealed to me the rest of the picture. On the other side of that mountain, He simply showed me His cross. Then I heard Him speak to my heart. He assured me that I never have to worry about how I will get to the place He has called me. I just have to trust in Him and know that He alone has already made the way. You see, when Jesus laid His life upon that cross and died for each of us, He went before us and made every impassable road straight. He went to hell and back for us so that we would never again have to wander in the darkness, unsure of what lies ahead. The cross reminds us that God knows what's ahead and will safely lead us to our promised land. That is why we can boldly and confidently sing,

“There’s a cross that paved the way ahead
Where death thought it had won, but was overcome instead.”

ACTIVATE

What are some mountains in your life that feel impossible to pass? What are some of the promises from the Lord that you’ve been walking toward but feel stuck? In your prayer time, lay these mountains down at the foot of the cross, and look to Him in faith knowing He will lead you there.

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READ

Exodus 14:21-22 (ESV)

21 Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and the Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 And the people of Israel went into the midst of the sea on dry ground, the waters being a wall to them on their right hand and on their left.

Deuteronomy 31:7-8 (ESV)

7 Then Moses summoned Joshua and said to him in the sight of all Israel, “Be strong and courageous, for you shall go with this people into the land that the Lord has sworn to their fathers to give them, and you shall put them in possession of it. 8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”

Isaiah 45:1-3 (NASB)

This is what the Lord says to Cyrus His anointed, whom I have taken by the right hand, To subdue nations before him and to undo *the weapons belt on the waist of kings*; To open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: 2 “I will go before you and make the rough places smooth; I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars. 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness and hidden wealth of secret places, so that you may know that it is I, The Lord, the God of Israel, who calls you by your name.

1 Peter 3:18 (NASB)

“For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;”

THE PROMISE YET TO COME



Day 2



CHORUS

As hard as the word from the Lord was to process, I wanted to be a good steward of it and put some faith to it. So my wife and I just started dreaming with God. We sat down at our kitchen table and just started to make a list of things we were going to start believing God for. We dreamed of places He may send us and how He may use us. Then we went to the practical side of things. If we move, we need to make sure we have this paid off, and that taken care of. This needs to be settled and that needs to be resolved. Please do not get me wrong, there is absolutely nothing wrong about being practical and giving those needs over to the Lord. We all need to use wisdom. But in this particular instance, the Lord spoke to me and challenged me. He said, “Are you still going to step out in faith and go where I’ve called you to go, even if your list isn’t completely checked off?”

Ouch! That definitely felt like a spiritual punch in the gut. I wanted my answer to be an immediate “yes”, but to be honest, my faith wasn’t completely there. Then, like the Lord always does, He responded to my unbelief with a promise. He said to me, “I’ve already made the way! Your provision is on the other side of my promise, your promotion is on the other side. Your breakthrough is on the other side. All you have to do is step out and trust me.” That word lit a spark in my spirit. I was ready to say yes to whatever He wanted to do. Even if it made no sense, even if it felt foolish or seemed impossible.

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CHORUS (CONT.)

That word is just as much for you as it is for me. What would our lives look like if we lived with radical faith in the Lord and trusted every single promise? What if we trusted to the point that we would center every action, every step, every decision around His word? I believe that kind of faith life would look like us walking in greater freedom and greater blessing. Whatever battle comes your way, whatever impossibility you may face, all you have to do is place your trust in Him. Live in such a way that says,

“I know Your love will always carry me
To the other side of my victory
And I know this hope keeps me moving on
To the other side of the promise yet to come.”
The shadows where I’m hidden, and the place I’m called to be.”

ACTIVATE

What are some areas you can “step out of the boat” and walk into new places with God? What are the things you’ve held onto that have kept you from saying yes to the Lord? Write those things down, then in prayer, hand them over to the Lord. Ask that He would increase your faith to walk boldly with trust in Him.

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READ

Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.” 28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” 29 “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

1 John 5:4-5 (ESV)

4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Isaiah 55:10-11 (ESV)

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

LOOKING FOR HARVEST



Day 3



VERSE 2

I think we all understand “you reap what you sow.” If you plant apple seeds, the fruit you will produce will be apples. If you sow peas, you’ll get peas. Corn...corn. It’s pretty simple. The same applies in our spiritual walk. When we sow seeds of the Spirit, living righteously and striving to be like Christ, we will reap the fruit of those seeds. It’s just how God works! But what do you do when you are faithful to sow those good seeds but it seems like the harvest is never to be found? What do we do when we work so hard to pursue Christ and all we see appears to be famine?

“When it seems like the wasteland’s all I see
I’m looking for harvest while in faith I sow my seed”

If you’re like me, this can feel absolutely devastating. Many times in my life, I have felt as if I did my very best to always keep my heart right, remain humble and actively seek after the things of God, only to still see the wasteland. So, even if it appears like our sowing is producing zero fruit, but we know that what we sow, we will reap, then the question we ask ourselves should be, “What do I do now?” The answer is simple, although not always easy. We wait. We persevere. We trust. Jesus is our living water. Jesus was the seed that God sowed for the redemption of all mankind.

LOOKING FOR HARVEST



Day 3



VERSE 2 (CONT.)

That seed was buried into the ground, and 3 long days later, that seed came back up out of the ground so that we could all taste the sweetness of salvation! We can all rest assured knowing that because of the resurrection power of Jesus Christ, that our mourning will turn into joy, our heaviness into praise, and all the ashes of our wasteland into a beautiful garden. We can put all of our hope in Jesus knowing,

“But there is a grave that the Son left behind
Turning beauty from ashes and dry bones into life.”

ACTIVATE

What are some seeds you've been sowing? What kind of fruit are you expecting? Write down the harvest you want to see, then pray and ask God to show you the best way to sow. Keep your heart fixed toward hope in Him, trusting that you will see all that He has promised.

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Galatians 6:7-9 (ESV)

7 Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. 8 For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

Isaiah 61:1-4 (NASB)

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord anointed me to bring good news to the humble; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim release to captives and freedom to prisoners; 2 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, 3 To grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the cloak of praise instead of a disheartened spirit. So they will be called [d]oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. 4 Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations.

MY BATTLE'S WON



Day 4



BRIDGE

So God had given me a fresh word for a difficult season. He gave me imagery and lyrics to help me process through it all. He gave me a promise of victory and of hope. God's Word and revelation are truly liberating. It is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. We serve such a loving and gracious God who always provides a powerful and timely word precisely when we need it most. But there is a next step. God does not give us such a precious gift to simply stay unwrapped in the box. He speaks His life giving words over us for us to USE! Hebrews 4:12 in The Living Bible says, "For whatever God says to us is full of living power: it is sharper than the sharpest dagger, cutting swift and deep into our innermost thoughts and desires with all their parts, exposing us for what we really are." Proverbs 18:21 says that we hold the power of death and life in our words.

The promises He gives us, the words He pours into us, and the revelations He brings to light in our life are meant for more than simply encouragement. They are the weapons He places on our heart to stand and fight the good fight of faith. When the night seems darkest, and the road ahead seems literally impossible, we have something and someone to keep us going! I don't know about you, but most times, the moments when we feel stuck in a battle are the hardest times to fight. You may have felt like you've been completely surrounded, in over your head, and just about ready to throw in the towel. I've definitely been there.

MY BATTLE'S WON



Day 4



BRIDGE (CONT.)

When all your striving and trying to get out seems to fail, do the one thing that will never let you down, speak His word! Confess it loudly, full of faith and confidence that it will come to pass in your life.

“My battle’s won
My breakthrough is coming
I know You see me through
Just like You always do”

This was my confession of faith. My battle cry. The anthem I would raise in the middle of every trial and every storm. No matter what hurdles and all out attacks would come my way, I would recall the words and the visions God breathed in me and would shout out His truth. Christ has made a way for me to the other side of this and I know He alone will see me through. This was my cry for this season. What will yours be?

ACTIVATE

What are some of the words that the Lord has spoken over you? Some could be passages of scripture from His written word, others could be from His fresh, spoken word. Write them down and meditate on them. Try to craft a few lines based off of those words and create your own personal battle cry. Then, speak it in faith daily.

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READ

1 Corinthians 15:54-58 (TLB)

54 When this happens, then at last this Scripture will come true —“Death is swallowed up in victory.” **55-56** O death, where then your victory? Where then your sting? For sin—the sting that causes death—will all be gone; and the law, which reveals our sins, will no longer be our judge. **57** How we thank God for all of this! It is he who makes us victorious through Jesus Christ our Lord! **58** So, my dear brothers, since future victory is sure, be strong and steady, always abounding in the Lord’s work, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever wasted as it would be if there were no resurrection.

Genesis 28:13-15 (ESV)

13 And behold, the Lord stood above it[c] and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. **14** Your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed. **15** Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.”
