

### **Right Place, Right Time (Part 3)**

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### **Scripture References**

Numbers 13:30-33, <i>AMPC</i>	John 4:7-29
Numbers 14:1-3, <i>AMPC</i>	John 5:5-9
Psalms 37:23, <i>AMPC</i>	Mark 2:1-12
Ruth 1:16	Luke 5:18-25
Acts 2:1-4, <i>AMPC</i>	John 10:3-5
John 16:7	Psalms 78:41, 42, <i>AMPC</i>
Esther 4:14	Psalms 78:41
Ecclesiastes 3:1	

### **Summary**

*On a spiritual level, allowing God to position us where He wants us to be opens us up to receive His favor in our lives. Tuning in to Him enables us to rise above worldly limitations and experience the impossible, as only He can cause it to happen. Being in God's presence and letting Him lead us involves a refusal to let fear and negativity stop us from moving forward into the future He wants for us. It requires trusting in Him more than in what we see around us. In the Old Testament, people like Caleb, Ruth, and Esther responded in faith to the guidance of the Holy Spirit; **we** must respond the same way for God to be able to bless us. This type of trust opens us up to healing, restoration, deliverance, and everything else that's His will for us. Seeing ourselves as God sees us, instead of how the world tries to define us, makes anything possible.*

#### **A. God wants to get involved in our lives. He can do so when we let Him guide our steps.**

1. When God brought the people to the land that He had promised them, they were afraid to enter in because they could not see the possibilities that He'd created for them. However, Caleb was *not* afraid; he had confidence in God, and refused to give in to limitations or negativity.
  - a. Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once and possess it; we are well able to conquer it. But his fellow scouts said, We are not able to go up against the people [of Canaan], for they are stronger than we are. So they brought the Israelites an evil report of the land which they had scouted out, saying, The land through which we went to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. And all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature. There we saw the Nephilim [or giants], the sons of Anak, who come from the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight (Numbers 13:30-33, *AMPC*).
  - b. And all the congregation cried out with a loud voice, and [they] wept that night. All the Israelites grumbled *and* deplored their situation, accusing Moses and Aaron, to whom the whole congregation said, Would that we had died in Egypt! Or that we had died in this wilderness! Why does the Lord bring us to this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and little ones will be a prey. Is it not better for us to return to Egypt? (Numbers 14:1-3, *AMPC*).

2. The steps of a [good] man are directed *and* established by the Lord when He delights in his way [and He busies Himself with his every step] (Psalm 37:23, *AMPC*).
  - a. We must ask ourselves what spiritual condition we're in. Fear and doubt block us from being in a position to experience God's favor.
  - b. Trusting in God allows Him to speak into our lives and order our steps. We must make a decision to yield to Him and follow His plan.
  - c. Ruth, in the Old Testament, is an example of someone who busied herself with what God wanted.
  - d. And Ruth said, Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God (Ruth 1:16).
  - e. Her obedience to the Spirit of God put Ruth at the right place at the right time for her to meet Boaz.
3. And when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all assembled together in one place, When suddenly there came a sound from heaven like the rushing of a violent tempest blast, and it filled the whole house in which they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues resembling fire, which were separated *and* distributed and which settled on each one of them. And they were all filled (diffused throughout their souls) with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other (different, foreign) languages (tongues), as the Spirit kept giving them clear *and* loud expression [in each tongue in appropriate words] (Acts 2:1-4, *AMPC*).
  - a. When we are in the right place at the right time, we will receive direction from the Holy Spirit, who is the Comforter that Jesus promised.
  - b. Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you (John 16:7).
  - c. Being in the right place at the right time for God to anoint us will enrich our lives. Esther is an example of this. Someone else had been summoned to appear before the king, but they refused; she was promoted and received God's favor.
  - d. For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then shall there enlargement and deliverance arise to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy father's house shall be destroyed: and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this? (Esther 4:14).
  - e. Because of Esther's obedience, the Jews were spared from destruction and she was blessed.
  - f. There is a right place and time for everything.
  - g. To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

**B. Being in the right place at the right time for God to use us requires trust and obedience.**

1. When we hear from God and feel the Holy Spirit's prompting, we must immediately respond in faith, without letting fear get in the way.
  - a. The Samaritan woman at the well responded in faith when she met Jesus (John 4:7-29). So did the man who had been sick for thirty-eight years (John 5:5-9) and the sick man who was lowered to Jesus through the roof (Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:18-25).
  - b. We must be in expectation of God and listen for His voice. Our relationship with Him gives us a familiarity with His voice.

- c. To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers (John 10:3-5).
- 2. We need to push aside any beliefs or mindsets that limit us.
  - a. And time and again they turned back *and* tempted God, provoking *and* incensing the Holy One of Israel. They remembered not [seriously the miracles of the working of] His hand, nor the day when He delivered them from the enemy (Psalm 78:41, 42, *AMPC*).
  - b. Yea, they turned back and tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel (Psalm 78:41).

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