

## Way Maker

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**Reading:** Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert (**Isa. 43:19**).

The only time we see rivers in the desert is when we are having an illusion or a mirage.

In the toughest situation, God has already figured it out. When there is no way, our God will make a way for He is our Way Maker.

**4 Stories in the Bible** where God made a way for His people in the most impossible situation and how God works behind the scene:

**1. Red Sea.** I am the Lord, your Holy One, The Creator of Israel, your King." Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea and a path through the mighty waters (**Isa. 43:15-16**).

- The Israelites had been slaves in Egypt for more than 400 years. One day, God spoke to Moses that He is going to free His people from slavery.

**Crossing the Red Sea.** When Pharaoh let the people go, God did not lead them on the road through Philistine, though that was shorter. For God said, "If they face war, they might change their minds and return to Egypt." (**Ex. 13:17**)

- Trip on that route would only take two weeks, but it is under constant surveillance by the Egyptians so God led His people around the desert toward the Red Sea.
- At the Red Sea, it seemed that they ended up in a dead end zone with the sea in front, and the army behind them. No chance to escape, they were trapped.
- Sometimes God allows these things to happen. When we are faced with this kind of situation, the only thing we can think of is to fail big time.
- In the hardest times of life; in the dead end places in our lives, God is already doing something new. We just have to stand still and watch our Way Maker in action.
- He may make it look like it is impossible, but it is a part of His plan for He wants us to see that He can do greater things.

Moses answered the people, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again." (**Ex. 14:13**)

- This is the same message that God is telling us today. Whatever is causing us to fear or is stopping us, claim God's promise that we are going to see the deliverance of the Lord.
- The Lord will fight for us, we just need to be STILL. With God, the things that make us afraid are gone.
- With God, we do not need to exert extra effort to find a way out of our trouble because God will find a way out for us.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the Lord drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left (**Ex. 14:21-22**).

- God literally made a way through the waters of the Red Sea. His power has the opportunity to shine greatest in the midst of hopeless situation.
- When we do not know what to do, and where else to turn to because of problems, that is when God's power begins to operate in our lives.
- With God, there is no such thing as a 'no way out' or a dead end zone. If we just learn to rely on Him, the dead end we are facing right now will become a new beginning.

**2. The Lion's Den.** Daniel, a noble Jewish young man from Jerusalem, was taken captive and brought to Babylon. He left everything, even the place of worship, but he remained faithful to God. Daniel was faced with the decision of denying his prayer life because of the King's order that anybody found praying will be put to the lions' den.

At the first light of dawn, the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. When he came near the den, he called to Daniel in an anguished voice, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to rescue you from the lions?" Daniel answered, "May the king live forever! My God sent his angel, and he shut the mouths of the lions. They have not hurt me, because I was found innocent in his sight. Nor have I ever done any wrong before you, Your Majesty." (**Dan. 6:19-22**)

- Our Way Maker shut the lion's mouth. We do not know how God did it, but we witnessed that He made a way for Daniel.
- The situation that was meant for destruction turned out into a miracle and brought glory to God.
- God allows us to be in a situation that seems to be impossible for He wants to reveal to us who He is.
- In those dark moments in our lives where it seems we are being eaten up by fear, remember that we have a God who brought Daniel out of the den unharmed.
- He will take away all our fears; turn our trials into victory.
- He will turn our difficulties to miracles to give Him glory and honor.

Was there a moment you felt alone and there was no sign of hope? Watch what our Way Maker did for Daniel, He will also do it for you.

**3. The Surging River.** Joshua is a second generation of Israelites that came from Egypt. God promised them a land flowing with milk and honey. Joshua and the Israelites were about to enter the Promised Land, but the Jordan River stood between them and the Promised Land. Jordan is a 20-mile long river of surging water. When God told Joshua to cross the Jordan River, it was at its flood stage. It was the worst time to cross the river.

"Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that He will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites,... (**Josh. 3:10**).

- Today, we have an enemy who wants us to think that God's promises will never happen.

- Nothing and no one can come between us and the promises of God.
- Our God will get rid of all barriers that will stop us from experiencing His promises. Once He gives His promise, He will make it happen (Isa. 55:11).
- God allows us to be in a situation where He can give us a revelation.

The water from upstream stopped flowing. It piled up in a heap a great distance away, at a town called Adam, while the water flowing down to the Dead Sea was completely cut off. So the people crossed over opposite Jericho (**Josh. 3:16**).

- God made the impossible, possible!
- When God does His job, it is always complete. He is not going to leave any details behind.

The people walked firmly on dry ground (**Josh. 3:17**).

- When God makes a way, it is always the best way. He makes sure that we walk through a safe passage.

If there is anything in your life that stands in the way of your miracle;

If there is something that hinders your prayers to be answered;

If your faith is surrounded by fear and doubt;

If there is a Jordan River standing between you and God's promise;

God's message is 'DO NOT BE AFRAID'; have faith, our Way Maker who is always on our side, watching our best interest is making sure that there is a secure way for us to cross. He will get us through it, and out of it.

**4. The Prison Cell.** The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him (**Acts 12:6-10**).

- This is the same plan that our enemy has for us, he wants us to feel like we are being imprisoned with fear, and makes us feel that we belong to the dark prison of life.
- When we try to get rid of the fear, the enemy would give us another alarming situation wherein we get intimidated and discouraged, and feel like we have reached our limit.
- God brought Peter into this impossible situation, but God can break every chain, and open prison doors.
- He will take care of anyone who will stand between us and our freedom.

God is our Way Maker!

- In this present situation, hope is here. He is going to get us out.
- He was able to split the sea; shut the lion's mouth; cause the stream to rise up and make the people walk through dry ground; he is able to break the chains and open prison doors.
- He can move any barriers before us.

- He works in the most hopeless situation. No matter how bad, and big our situation is, God can make a way.

**One thing they have in common; they all have FAITH in God.**

Moses stood before the people and encouraged them not to be afraid.

Daniel never compromised his faith even if it may cost his life.

Joshua obeyed God, even when he thought what God tells him to do does not make sense.

Peter was put to prison because he was preaching the Word of God, but as soon as he got out of prison, he immediately preached the Good News.

They continued to believe and trust no matter how impossible their situation was.

Let us do our part. No matter how dark the situation is, have faith in God, and He will definitely do His part. God is working on our situation, He is moving, and is working for us. We may not see His hand moving with the COVID-19, but He is the WAY MAKER.

Let us believe that He is already doing something about our situation. With Jesus, nothing is impossible! Wait for our victory, it is coming very soon!

**Prayer:** Jesus Christ, our Lord, always remind us of who You are, especially when we feel overwhelmed and fearful. We have hope and confidence to go through life's challenges knowing that You are moving in our midst. Thank you that You are our Way Maker. We will just wait for our victory for You are already making a way for us. We give You praise and glory for You are our WAY MAKER. Amen.

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