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WHEN I HAVE AN ENCOUNTER

HERE I AM...

Exodus 1:8

"Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph"
This marked a shift in the Israelites' circumstances, leading to their oppression and eventual deliverance.

Exodus 3:1-4

..."So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight - why the bush does not burn up". When the Lord saw that he had gone over to look, God called him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!", and Moses said, "**Here I am**".

Moses had an encounter

After spending 40 years in the royal court of Egypt, in the best schools, with the best military training of his time, surrounded by great mentors, Moses could only learn about his people and experience some of the wonders of his time. But he would see God's hand power in his life until he had an encounter with God himself.

God can do anything!

God is looking for someone who will say, "Here am I"!

God will draw us to Him, knowing us better than we know ourselves. There is nothing that we can hide from Him. God knows your every intention, even when you tell Him otherwise.

He can transform you and do great things in you, but you must come to Him and say, "Here am I".



BIBLE REFERENCES

EXODUS 1:8
EXODUS 3:1-4
JUDGES 16:6
JUDGES 16:17
JUDGES 16:21
JUDGES 16:23
JUDGES 16:25

You are not like everyone else!

You were born with a purpose and a calling for the Lord. Be careful what catches your attention.

Like Delilah sought the source of Samson's strength in Judges 16: 6, so the enemy will seek where your weakness lies. When you play with the devil, you will end up destroyed.

He will play you until he finds your weakness - until he pulls you down.

He will pursue you and lie to you until like Samson, you give up the Truth...until you give up the Gospel.

Judges 16:17

OUR TESTIMONY KEEPS US STRONG

You need to have a relationship with God yourself. You can no longer rely on your parent's or grandparent's prayers to keep your blessings.

You must go beyond an experience in a church, and have an encounter with God Himself.

Judges 16:21

Because of the lack of relationship with Yahweh, Samson fell low. He lost his hair - his anointing, his leadership, and his eyes - his vision.

But God had mercy! God is in control in the good and the bad times.

Judges 16:23

When the enemy attacks you to offer you as a sacrifice to hell, the Lord fights for you - His mercy is great!

Even though you're going through hell, God is still walking with you.

WHAT THE DEVIL MEANS FOR EVIL, GOD CAN TURN IT TO GOOD

Judges 16:25

Posture means everything!

Like Samson who was placed between two pillars with arms stretched out, lift up your hands in the midst of your troubles!

Posture separates those that have only had an experience in church, from those who have had an encounter with God Himself.



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1. **EXODUS 3:1-4**

**"...WHEN THE ____ SAW THAT HE HAD GONE OVER
TO LOOK, GOD CALLED HIM FROM WITHIN THE _____,
MOSES! MOSES! AND MOSES SAID, _____."**

2. TRUE OR FALSE?

**A TRUE ENCOUNTER WITH GOD WILL CHANGE YOU
INSIDE AND OUT.**

3. JUDGES 13:7

**WHAT IS THE CALLING GOD HAS PLACED IN
YOUR LIFE?**

**4. DO NOT GIVE WAY TO THE ENEMY OR HE WILL
CAUSE YOU TO FALL LIKE SAMSON.**

JUDGES 16:21

**"THEN THE PHILISTINES TOOK HIM AND PUT OUT
HIS _____, AND BROUGHT HIM DOWN TO GAZA.
THEY _____ HIM WITH BRONZE FETTERS, AND HE
BECAME A _____ IN THE PRISON"**

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IN A CHURCH, AND HAVE AN
ENCOUNTER WITH GOD**