

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Amp - Thus says the Lord: Let not the wise *and* skillful person glory *and* boast in his wisdom *and* skill; let not the mighty *and* powerful person glory *and* boast in his strength *and* power; let not the person who is rich [in physical gratification and earthly wealth] glory *and* boast in his [temporal satisfactions and earthly] riches; ²⁴ But let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.

Deut. 1:29-31 GWT - Then I said to you, “Don’t tremble. Don’t be afraid of them. ³⁰The Lord your God, who is going ahead of you, will fight for you as you saw him fight for you in Egypt ³¹ and in the desert.” There you saw how the Lord your God carried you, as parents carry their children. He carried you wherever you went until you came to this place.

2 Cor. 1:9-10 Amp - Indeed, we felt within ourselves that we had received the [very] sentence of death, but that was to keep us from trusting in *and* depending on ourselves instead of on God Who raises the dead. ¹⁰ [For it is He] Who rescued *and* saved us from such a perilous death, and He will still rescue *and* save us; in *and* on Him we have set our hope (our joyful and confident expectation) that He will again deliver us [from danger and destruction and draw us to Himself]

Is. 48:21 Amp - And they thirsted not when He led them through the deserts; He caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; He split the rock also, and the waters gushed out.

Is. 35:6 NIV - Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

Micah 4:7 GWT - I will change those who are lame into a faithful people. I will change those who are forced away into a strong nation. The Lord will rule them on Mount Zion now and forever.

Psalms 112:7 GWT - He is not afraid of bad news. His heart remains secure, full of confidence in the Lord.

Psalms 50:23 Amp - He who brings an offering of praise *and* thanksgiving honors *and* glorifies Me; and he who orders his way aright [who prepares the way that I may show him], to him I will demonstrate the salvation of God.

John 14:27 NLT - “I am leaving you with a gift—peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give. So don’t be troubled or afraid.”

Heb. 12:25-29 NKJV - See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more *shall we not escape* if we turn away from Him who *speaks* from heaven, ²⁶ whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.” ²⁷ Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. ²⁹ For our God *is* a consuming fire.

Is. 43:19 ESV - 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.

Lam. 3:21-24 NRSV - But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²²The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; ²³they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”

Jn. 8:12 NLT - Jesus spoke to the people once more and said, “I am the light of the world. If you follow me, you won’t have to walk in darkness, because you will have the light that leads to life.”

Is. 42:16 NIV - I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them.

Ps. 33:11 NIV - But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.

Where do you sense God may be calling you to a place “you have not known” or “shaking that which can be shaken” in order that you might know Him [personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing His character]?

Take some time to process this place using the following exercises and questions writing your answers in your spiritual journal.

1. Give thanks for it based on Psalm 50:23 Amp - He who brings an offering of praise *and* thanksgiving honors *and* glorifies Me; and he who orders his way aright [who prepares the way that I may show him], to him I will demonstrate the salvation of God.
2. How is God using your current situation to answer prayers you have prayed in the past? How is He using it to develop Christ-like character in you? Ask Him to give you eyes to see.
3. What is your call to this person or situation? (See the “Tools and Techniques: Knowing Your Call” for help here if you need it)
4. What feelings arise when you think of the word “surrender”? Ask God to give you a biblical view of surrender and a willing heart to do so. Visualize yourself giving a person, situation, relationship to God. What does He do with them? Where does He put them?
5. What is your current view of suffering? How might God be at work to change your mind about what suffering looks like?
6. What questions do you have about your current situation? About God? About yourself? Where are you taking your questions? Repent of the ways you have taken your questions to illegitimate sources (sources other than God). Ask God what He has to say about your questions.
7. Ask God for promises from Scripture.
8. How can you focus on the promise and not the problem? Ask Him for practical action steps that will help make His promise your experience.
9. How are you walking through this in relationship with God and with others? Are you staying connected?