

“I am the God of the Turn Around”

As I pen this article, I can't help but smile. Isn't it just like God to allow our enemy to look all plump and pretty as if he was going to be the "Big Cheese?" That's my God! He is still sitting on the throne of Heaven and He laughs at the plan of man that tries to overthrow His purposes.

This new season that we are entering is a time for God to completely turn things around. We will be going one way and we will completely turn around to pick up promises that seemed frozen in mid air. We will turn around and they will melt and begin to come into fruition.

"I am the God of the Turn Around." The enemy has driven you into his entanglement, but I will turn his plan around on his own head. It will look like you were on the losing side but all of a sudden I will turn it around. Just when you thought the battle was lost, you will look to the hills from where your help come from and you will see that there are more with you than are against you. All of a sudden your enemy will not be found. You will see your God turn it all around. Your enemy will run from you because God will put fear and dread upon him through you.

One moment your enemy will be harassing and accusing you. He will even hire false witnesses against you. Things will look bleak for you. Than all of a sudden, you will find him running completely away from you. You will find him no more. "I am the God of the Turn Around."

Queen Esther says. "If I perish, I perish." One moment there is a hush over the region. Death is brooding. God gives one woman the courage to approach the King. Will he receive her? Will she sacrifice her life to no avail? Ah ha! God was with that little lady giving her grace, favor and courage. One night our God awakens the King. Before you know it, the plotted destruction is completely turned around. Her enemy's equipment was used to put an end to his interference with God's plan. They looked, and he was found no more. We are seasonal moments away from a significant blow to the enemy in the Kingdom of God. Look with me to **2 Chronicles chapter 20**, starting in verse one.

¹It happened after this that the people of Moab with the people of Ammon, and others with them besides the Ammonites, came to battle against Jehoshaphat. ²Then some came and told Jehoshaphat, saying, "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea, from Syria; and they are in Hazazon Tamar" (which is En Gedi). ³And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek Yahweh, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. ⁴So Judah gathered together to ask help from Yahweh; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek Yahweh.

I just love God's drama. Here were normal people, lovers of God who were in overwhelming circumstances. They too can feel fear although they wholeheartedly believed. Esther positioned herself and called a regional fast. We see Jehoshaphat in dire straits. He too calls a regional fast. Both Esther and Jehoshaphat are fully aware of the posture that draws the heart of God near.

Jehoshaphat stands up and reminds God of His miraculous awesome deeds. He is one of the Lord's remembrancers. "Are You not the God who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel,? Jehoshaphat is basically saying, "God you are able."

Verse 12 O our God, will You not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You."

Oh yes, yes, yes. God uses these do or die episodes in our lives to show Himself strong on our behalf. His strength is made perfect in our weakness. Oh wait a minute, the enemy is closing in. FIX YOUR GAZE on the Terminator of this problem - the one and only Jesus Christ.

Verse 14 Then the Spirit of Yahweh came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. ¹⁵And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says Yahweh to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's. ¹⁶Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the Wilderness of Jeruel. ¹⁷You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the LORD, Who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, Yahweh is with you."

As hard as it may seem, we must go marching forth into this next season Praising God. There is a position of Praise that God uses as a mighty weapon to blast our enemy. Close your eyes to the enemy's decoys and SING! Sing a song of praise to God for His mighty deeds. Even if you have a croaky voice, SING of God's marvelous deeds. Let me tell you that, when you fill your cup up to overflowing, with thanksgiving and praise to God, your enemy will have to run speedily away from you. Let us look at **Acts 27:9** where we see another saint that knew how to position himself before God.

vs. 9, I perceive this voyage is going to end with much disaster and much loss not only of the cargo and the ship but also our lives.

Paul the Apostle is on a ship with a bunch of heathen. They are heading for a disaster that he sees by the Holy Spirit before it occurs. vs. 21 Paul positions himself with fasting and listens to the Holy Spirit for specific instructions. After he gets his instructions, he stands before them all with COURAGE! These same men would not listen to him before. Now, God steps in to turn the entire story

completely around. The wind begins to cooperate with God. The waves are taking His instructions and they are in a bonafied, horrifying storm.

When they started, the weather was suitable to winter. We read in vs: 13 *When the south wind blew softly – supposing that they obtained their purpose.*

But things become uncontrollable. They are in over their heads being tossed by the sea. Did you know that our God can use nature to gets man's attention? The same brave hearted crew becomes afraid for their lives. That boat had God's man sitting on it. His man had His purpose. His man was looking to Him. His man was gazing at Him. God liked that beautiful fellowship so He decided to make Himself strong on Paul's behalf and turned the circumstances all around. The men went from closing out Paul's words to taking specific instructions from Paul.

1-Paul positions himself to be a usable vessel for the Lord's deliverance.

2-Paul corrects them. "You should have listened to me."

3-Verse 23, Paul gives them encouragement - than he tells them what God intends to do.

4- Paul tells them of the supernatural.

5- Paul tells them that God's purpose will be accomplished, even though they took matters into their own hands.

6- Paul's fasting position allows God to bring about a *Turn Around*.

7- Paul tells them that God is sure. Remember Jehoshaphat reminding God of His great deeds? Here Paul is proclaiming God's nature. "God is Who He says He is. He is sure. He is true to His Word."

8- Verse 37 – 26 Lives are spared because of one man's God ordained purpose. When things became worse, the soldiers want to kill the prisoners. God rose up with favor on one man, the Centurion, to keep the soldiers from their plan to kill the prisoners. The Centurion gave the command and everyone's live was spared. He gave Instructions to release the men. The prisoners jump overboard and swim to shore safely.

Chapt. 28:20 "For this reason therefore I have called for you to see....."

Our God is an awesome God. He reigns from heaven above. Oh Yes. Look out! We are being overtaken. Close your eyes and sing! What? That's what I said. Close your eyes and SING. Don't look at the present circumstances. Fix your spiritual gaze on the Terminator who will end the enemy's plan. However, you must position your self to fast, pray and Praise.

I am so encouraged just thinking of this concept. Don't quit now! Our God is the God of the Turn Around. He is about to do a work in our day that we wouldn't believe even if we were told. He is about to Turn it all around because He likes us. He is the God of the Turn around.

Each year the Hudson Valley Regional Prayer Movement declares a regional fast and prayer time. Over there last eight years we have up to 50 churches participated in one given year. This year, together with my dear friends Peter Whitehouse of the Capitol Prayer and Healing Center in Albany and Elaine Skibicki, New York State Prayer Coordinator for Aglow international, stationed in Kingston, New York, we are calling a fast for this Northeast Hudson Valley Region and will be moving in concert simultaneously. We are friends and God likes it when we do His stuff together. We believe that our unique friendship unity will move the heart of God in a special way.

Join us as we set aside Jan 25th, beginning at 9pm until Jan 28th, ending at 9pm for an Esther Fast and prayer call for the Hudson Valley Region. Peter Whitehouse recently said, that this is a time to reach deeper and give more than we have in the past. We can see the serious hour we are living in with changes on the horizon in our region as well as our nation for 2008. Your participation in this fast is vital. The Hudson Valley Region is stationed in a strategic, Northeast corridor, of the state of New York. It is quite possible that we can be used by God to shift this entire nation through prayer and fasting. We are convinced that this is not just a good idea. Join us. (Look for updates on our web-site).

Longing for the Day of His Return,

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