

# Why Him and Not Me!?

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Matthew 18:10 Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven.

11 For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost.

12 How think ye? if a man have an hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety and nine, and goeth into the mountains, and seeketh that which is gone astray?

13 And if so be that he find it, verily I say unto you, he rejoiceth more of that sheep, than of the ninety and nine which went not astray.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish.

We usually know this passage in regards to how much ADONAI loves and cares for the unconverted sinner or the backslider. However, I wish to show a slightly different take on this passage. I know many who are now discouraged and battle weary and are experiencing difficulties in life where a miracle or some relief would be nice. In the passage prior Yeshua uses a child as an example and makes a spiritual application to the young in spirit.

Ever wonder why other people gets miracles and quick, affirmative answers to prayer, dreams and visions and what not and you don't? I believe this is so because the young and immature in the spirit needs more of these spiritual encounters and encouragement to spur and lead them on; they need to know God is still there and that He still cares. So God leaves the 99 mature who KNOWS no matter what the God IS there and that He DOES loves us, to cater to the one who doesn't know of such certainties. God also uses the mature to help assist Him in encouraging and strengthening the young in the Faith.

With those of us who are mature, He allows us to go through hard times as a sort of survival training so we will learn to rely on Him more and actually at the same time to be more self-reliant; to tap in to our own potential we have buried deep inside that we don't realize we have it. These experiences will help us to help others who are not so strong. And actually, these are the times we will experience miracles, the stealth type that are embedded and hidden in the vein of everyday. Like the book of Esther, God is teaching us to find Him in the bleakest and most desperate of situations, hidden in plain sight.

How we react to difficulties shows our level of maturity and who is ultimately winning when it comes to the battle for the soul. Life is 10% action and 90% reaction.

Do we whine, pout and cry like a Jan Brady because we feel God is favoring “Marsha” more than us? Do we push God away in disgust as if we have been betrayed and turn atheist or agnostic. Or do we thank God for the favor He lavishes on Marsha and we are secure in the fact that God feels we are mature enough to endure such a trial as the one we are presently in. Also we take solace in the fact that all trials are temporary and they soon will pass. We only need to endure to the end to be saved.

John 21:17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, Lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my sheep.

18Verily, verily, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdest thyself, and walkedst whither thou wouldest: but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not.

19This spake he, signifying by what death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me.

20Then Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; which also leaned on his breast at supper, and said, Lord, which is he that betrayeth thee?

21Peter seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, and what shall this man do?

22Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me.

Just as Yeshua said to Peter, “Hey don’t worry about how I treat the other guy or the plans I have for the other guy, what’s it to you anyway!? Just focus on My unique plan and will for your life.”

So let us press forward and encourage one another. Shalom and God bless.

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