

Inspirational Moment #4-123
Thought: Is the Lord Among Us or Not?
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Special Reading: Exodus 17:2-7

Scripture: Exodus 17:7 *As he called the name of the place Massah, and Meribah, because of the chiding of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is the LORD among us or not?*

This scripture reading is about the children of Israel arguing with Moses because they were thirsty and there was no water. There are times in all our lives when we Question God. We wonder where God is. The mountains rise up in our lives and we forget what God has already done. The children of Israel forgot how God brought them from the land of Egypt and through the red sea (Exodus 14:13-16).

I mean the sea opened and the children of Israel walked on dry land over to the other side. How many times has God allowed us to walk through the red seas in our lives? Those hard places, those difficult seasons yet we still question him. Is the Lord among us or not? First you need to realize you can't stand on the devil's territory and expect God to hear your call. You must first step over on the Lord's side. You must move by choice toward God's son Jesus Christ. You must acknowledge Jesus as your savior.

Jesus promised never to leave us and he promised to hear us when we call his name. These are promises for the children of God. Are you one of his children? Are you just one of those looking on from the outside? Is the Lord among us or not? Can you answer that? Don't argue with the prophet. God is there all the time. Where are you? Are you on the Lord's side?

Prayer: My God, My Father, Oh how we need thee. Open our eyes to see how you've kept us and brought us through the many dangers and toils of this life. Help us see that to get on the Lord's side just requires we call on the name Jesus, asking forgiveness for our sins and he will come in. Where Jesus is the devil must flee. Help us see you Lord. Help us give you all the glory and praise, now and forever. Amen

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