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What's Next After A Great Gospel Meeting

(Are YOU willing to continue to be used by God for His glory & honor?)

The time immediately following a tremendous spiritual event like our recent **Gospel Meeting** can be a difficult time. Thankfully all of life is not walked in the valleys. Occasionally, we are allowed to view life from the top of the mountains. What a vista! What a breath of fresh mountain air! It stirs our souls. It lets us see the "big picture." It reminds us that our God is great, and that His people can accomplish great things when we willingly offer ourselves to Him as His servants to accomplish His will and work.

However, coming down from the "mountain tops" of the big spiritual push can be difficult, if not downright depressing. That's because human beings like the excitement of great things. The "adrenalin rush" of big events feels good, especially in the spiritual realm. But, when it is all completed and past, it is easy to feel tired, washed-out, or maybe even a little "depressed," because we no longer are feeling the "spiritual high," nor feeding on the "euphoria" of the big event. Perhaps, though, it is "in the trenches" of daily spiritual warfare that we really grow "stronger in the Lord and in the power of His might" (Eph. 6:10). We need to remember God will be with us as our "Helper" in the valleys just like He is when we are marching on the tops of the mountains in His name (Psa. 23:4, Heb. 13:5-6).

Yes, because of Who God is, we can walk on the tops of the spiritual mountains from time to time. Sometimes, it seems many Christians think, "well I wish I could do great things for God, like David, or Deborah, or Daniel, or Dorcas, but I'm not strong enough, talented enough, or whatever..., to do **GREAT things for God.**" Brethren, do you realize they were humans just like us? They had the same weaknesses, fears, illnesses, and heartaches that we do. They weren't super men or super women. They were "people" just like you and me. Stumbling, bumbling, fumbling, old bags of clay, just like us, because that's all God has ever had, since the beginning of time, to use in forming His army of spiritual soldiers. The difference in the "great" characters of the Bible and the average bear is they were **willing** to be used by God to do His bidding. When the Lord says, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?," may we like Isaiah of old say, "Here am I, send me" (Isaiah 6:8).

Every single day, **YOU** and **I** must be willing to present ourselves to God as instruments for His righteousness? It is a 24/7 commitment. When you confess Christ as Lord, it means you will come to His beck and call any and every time He needs your hands, your feet, your mouth to do His bidding. The great benefit of our faithful service to Him is His promise - "Call unto me, and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know" (Jeremiah 33:3).

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