

THE NEXT STEP
IS THE ONLY ONE
THAT MATTERS.



KEEP WALKING.

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EMANCIPATION

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THE EXHAUSTED PURSUIT OF BEING AUTHENTICALLY FREE

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YES, THOUGH I **WALK**

THROUGH THE DEEP, SUNLESS
VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF

DEATH,

I WILL FEAR OR DREAD NO EVIL,
FOR **YOU ARE WITH ME...**

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(Amplified)

THE NEXT STEP...

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING STATED THAT,
"FAITH IS TAKING THE FIRST STEP WHEN YOU
CAN NOT SEE THE STAIRCASE."

THE VERY BEST REASON TO BE SURE THAT
YOU LOVE YOUR "SELF" IS BECAUSE WHEN
THE TIMES SHOW-UP THAT CAUSE US TO
FEEL AS THOUGH WE HAVE TO SETTLE FOR
LESS, LITTLE, AND LEAST, — WE CAN BE
SECURE IN CHOOSING "SELF" FIRST IN
LOVE.

THERE ARE FOR SOME OF US SEASONS
OF LOVE WHEN WE RESERVE A SPECIAL
SPACE FOR SOMEONE THAT MAY FIND
US IN JUST ANOTHER HOLLOW-HOPE STATIC
RELATIONSHIP; AT LEAST THERE WILL BE THESE
FEELINGS. HOWEVER, THESE MOMENTS WILL
BE THE VERY BEST OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE
OUR FULL ATTENTION TO THE DETAILS OF
OUR OWN PROCESS.

WONDERFULNESS HAPPENS IN VERY SPECIFIC
PATTERNS. MIRACLES HAVE A ZERO TOLERANCE
FOLLOW-THROUGH METHOD; AND IF BY SOME
ORDINARY WE ARE BRACE-ING OURSELVES
FOR TRUE LOVE; THEN WE WILL ONLY GAIN
WISDOM AND PATIENCE AS WE SEE THE
BEGINNINGS IN THE MIRROR, SELF LOVE. WE
MUST MAKE AND TAKE STEPS BASED ON
KNOWING THAT WE ARE READY. READY FOLLOWS
WILLING, ABLE, THEN — READY.

... IS THE ONLY ONE...

2.

THE NEXT STEP HAS GOT TO BE MADE "ON PURPOSE." WE ALL HEAR VOICES TELLING US ABOUT THE PROBLEMS, THE DIFFICULTIES. FOR SOME OF US THE VOICES ARE LOUDER OR SOFTER. BUT THE MESSAGE IS THE SAME. THE BURDENED VOICE SAYS, "WAIT." THE HESITATION NOISE HAUNTS US WITH THE MEMORY OF PAST FAILURES AND PAST FAKE ACHIEVEMENTS. BUT ABOVE ALL ELSE THERE IS ANOTHER VOICE.

THE OTHER VOICE IS NOT IN OUR MINDS, BUT IN OUR HEARTS AND THE PIT OF OUR STOMACH. IN THESE PLACES ARE SURE SOUNDS OF GUIDANCE, INSTRUCTION, AND THE RESPONSIBILITY OF OBEDIENCE. JUST DO IT! WALK. STEP. WITH ONE FOOT IN FRONT OF THE OTHER. IF WE TRUST, THEN WE SUBMIT TO STAND STILL AND FIRM; TO FOCUS INTENTIONALLY, AND THEN KEEP WALKING IN THE DIRECTION THAT BRINGS US CLOSER TO THE CORE OF WHO AND WHAT WE DESIRE TO "BE" AND SEE IN THE MIRROR.

INSURANCE IS GOING TO HAVE TO BE THROWN AWAY AND "ALL" INVESTMENTS, MENTAL, PHYSICAL, SPIRITUAL, EMOTIONAL, INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL MUST BE DEDICATED TO ASSURANCE.

HE DOES NOT TEST US WITH TRASH, THAT WE DO TO OURSELVES. WALKING FORWARD ONLY PRODUCES GOOD. THE APPEARANCES DO NOT MATTER.

... THAT MATTERS,

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DESTINATIONS AHEAD OF US (ME) WILL NEVER BE REACHED IF THE "NOW" STEPS ARE NOT SECURE AND SURE.

GRATITUDE FOR THE NOW. WHATEVER OUR NOW IS; GRATITUDE FOR NOW SITUATIONS AND NOW CIRCUMSTANCES — NO MATTER WHAT THEY ARE. THE NEXT STEP IS ALWAYS TO RECOGNIZE THE CREATOR'S PRESENCE IN OUR (MY) PRESENT! OUR GOOD, IS BASED ON OUR "PERSONAL" AND INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR CREATOR AND THE AMOUNT OF REAL QUALITY TIME WE DEDICATE REGULARLY, FAITHFULLY. LOYALTY IS A SPIRITUAL QUALITY WHEN WE BRING IT TO OUR SACRED PRACTICES.

SO LET US RESPOND ALWAYS IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. LET US BECOME A YES-MAN, OR A YES-GIRL, WHEN IT COMES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR SOULS. WHEN IT COMES TO THE GROWTH OF ALL THINGS INSIDE LET US MANTRA "YES!" LET US AGREE WITH THE OBVIOUS GOOD, AND THE UNSUSPECTING GOOD. LET US AGREE WITH THE DIVINE STEPS THAT ARE ALREADY IN PLACE AND USE OUR WORDS AND SPEECH TO DRAW DIVINE INTENSIONS TOWARDS US.

4.

BRACE OURSELVES BECAUSE THERE IS A PROFOUND SUPPORT SYSTEM IN THE SACRED SPIRIT THAT HELPS US PACE OURSELVES.

WE HAVE SOME HOW HURRIED OURSELVES TO THIS NOW moment. BUT FROM OUR PAST TO NOW, THE LIGHT OF LIFE HAS NOT CHANGED, ONLY OUR PERSPECTIVE. OUR PERSPECTIVE HAS CHANGED BECAUSE OF OUR STEPS. BUT WE CAN NEVER FORGET THAT WE TAKE NO STEPS ALONE; AND EVERYTHING SHIFTS GREATLY IF WE KEEP WALKING, KNOWING THAT THE NEXT STEP IS THE ONLY ONE THAT MATTERS.

KEEP WALKING

I Am An
African Classic,

~~Ensa Mesuk~~
~~X Gay~~



**YOU SHALL
WALK**
IN ALL THE WAYS
WHICH THE LORD
YOUR GOD HAS
COMMANDED you,
DEUTERONOMY
5:33

*I'm a
Sole SOUL
Man*

AND NOW, ISRAEL,
WHAT DOES THE LORD
YOUR GOD REQUIRE
OF YOU BUT
REVERENTLY TO FEAR
THE LORD YOUR GOD,
THAT IS TO **WALK**
IN ALL
HIS WAYS, AND
TO LOVE HIM, AND
TO SERVE THE LORD
YOUR GOD WITH ALL
YOUR MIND AND
HEART, AND YOUR
ENTIRE BEING
DEUTERONOMY NO:12