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Ready:

"My foot stands on level ground; I will bless the?Lord?in the assemblies." - Psalm 26:12

Set

There is a well-known phrase: "Be where your feet are." This is an analogy for connecting our mind and soul to the physical presence of where we are at a moment in time. In a society that places value on performance, the competitive edge of perfecting the multitasking game stretches us well beyond just where our feet land in the present. We can languish in the past and evaluate how we could have done everything more effectively. We find ourselves pushing forward to all that needs tending beyond the moment so that we can stay ahead of the relentless tasks of the day and come out winning. Both positions involve great mental, emotional and even physical energies to a past and present over which we have no control in the present. Who we need to be at that present moment is compromised as we were designed holistically to be at our best where body, mind and soul are fully engaged in the present.

The present is where God meets us, where He speaks to us and where He shows us how He wants us to live and who He wants us to care for.

Throughout His life on earth, Jesus positioned Himself in a uniquely countercultural way to lead and serve right where He stood. What changes can we make to follow His lead in our own lives? The word position is defined as to take one's stand or to station yourself. Our position in Christ is one of a steadfast, determined faith. That faith grants us the fuel for the much-desired edge in the promises of God in His Word.

The first part of <u>2 Chronicles 20:17</u> says: "You do not have to fight this battle. Position yourselves, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. He is with you, Judah and Jerusalem." Positioning defines a direction and speaks directly to being present. This presence is one of focus and engagement in the here and now. We need to resist the temptation or even the need to be distracted or mentally absent. Understanding our true identity overflows from our time spent with Him and not what we can accomplish in a singular moment.

Go

John 1:12-13

2 Chronicles 20:17

Jeremiah 29:11-13

Workout

God, thank You for creating me in Your image, for granting me a true identity found in You. Give me the strength and courage to seek You through reading Your Word, spending time in prayer, and surrounding myself with community. Grant me everything I need today to be fully present where You have placed me. In Jesus' name, amen."



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