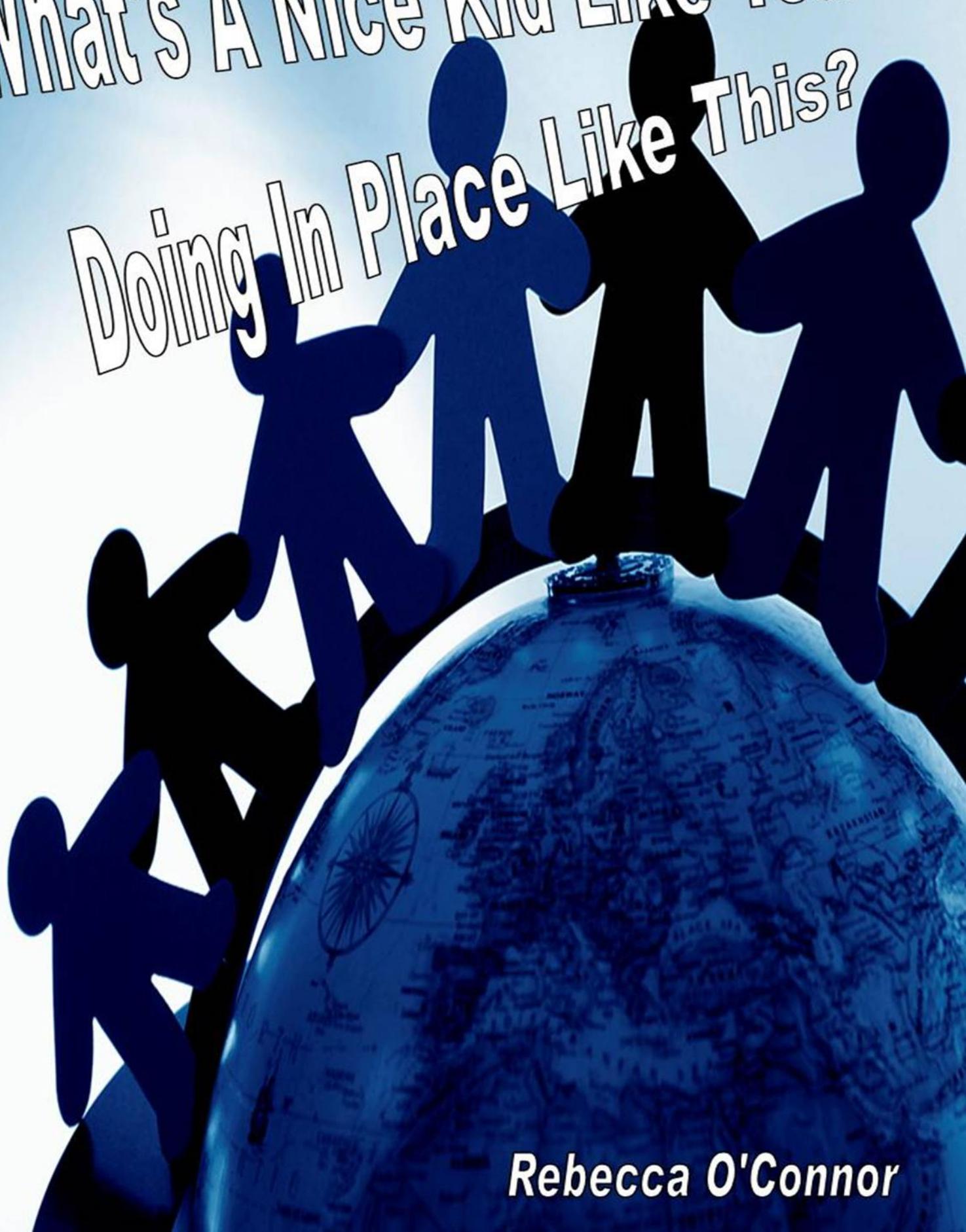


What's A Nice Kid Like You
Doing In Place Like This?



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Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.

[*Host* צבא צבאה a *mass* of persons (or figurative things), especially regularly organized for war (an *army*); by implication a *campaign*, literally or figuratively (specifically *hardship, worship*): - appointed time, (+) army, (+) battle, company, host, service, soldiers, waiting upon, war (-fare).]

Who are we, and what are we doing here? If you know these two things it will help you to settle your focus and priority. By the definition of host we see who we are and what we are doing here. A soldier knows that he/she is to follow the directions given by his/her Commander and Chief, whether we understand all the “whys”, “hows” and “what fors”. When soldiers are told to take a hill they may not know why they are to take it or if they will come back from the mission. They know one thing: they were told to take the hill and their only response was to say, “Yes Sir,” and move toward the hill.

God's soldiers have been less responsive to the command. When God gives a command His soldiers whine and tell Him, “It isn't fair,” or “Send someone else; I can't do this,” while in the next breath asking God for blessings or protection. The “feel good” messages have not given a balanced perspective of selfless interests with a broader more outreaching view. We have become lazy and unresponsive yet expecting to collect a soldier's benefits. We are spiritually bankrupt and morally blind. I invite you to my church. My pastor will not allow you to stay comfortable in the flesh. He is in soldier training. He weeds out the “posers” by telling the truth, but if you would rather have your ears tickled find another church. If I have not offended you thus far, let us delve a little further into the heavens and host of each.

There is more than an earthly host but a heavenly as well. What is a heavenly host? Are they the main THREE heavens and their angels? To find this heavenly host we must define heaven. These are the only ones expressed in the KJV of the Bible in both Old and New Testaments:

1. Earth's atmosphere [two words used]
 - Heaven שחַק shachaq: a *powder* (as *beaten* small); by analogy a thin *vapor*, by extension the *firmament*: - cloud, small dust, heaven, sky.
 - Heaven עֲרִיף אֲרִיפִי ariyph: the *sky* (as *drooping* at the horizon): - heaven.
2. Black space/ leaving atmosphere toward dark space
 - Heaven שָׁמַיִם שָׁמַיִם shaamayim shamayim: The second form being dual of an unused singular; from an unused root meaning to *be lofty*, the *sky* (as *aloft*, the

dual perhaps alluding to the visible arch in which the clouds move, as well as to the higher ether where the celestial bodies revolve): - air, X astrologer, heaven (-s).

- Heaven [Phil 2:10] ἐπουράνιος epouranios: *above the sky*: - celestial, (in) heaven (-ly), high.

3. Abode of God

- Third heaven Mt 4:17 οὐρανός ouranos: *heaven* (as the abode of God); by implication *happiness, power, eternity*, specifically the *Gospel (Christianity)*: - air, heaven ([-ly]), sky.

The first heaven is the earth's atmosphere. You can see it when you look up. Beautiful blues with white cottony clouds frame our earth. Birds and man travel the skies along with sound waves. The gases making up the air are life giving to all living creatures on the earth that it cradles.

The second heaven is black being void the oxygen of earth. No sound travels through this black vacuum of space. What life exists there we do not know. However, we know that Michael was held up by demonic principalities when delivering Daniel's answer to prayer. Michael, being an archangel, would have been dispatched from the third heaven with a destination going through the second and first to get to earth.

Ezekiel and others have described vehicles with wheels and lights coming from heaven. Ezekiel uses the word fire meaning light, for there was no man-made light in existence other than fire at that time for his description. Also Ezekiel heard from these beasts through what we call telepathy today. He says the creatures came into him and he understood what they were saying. So it was mind to mind without audible words being spoken. People down through the ages have described wheels with lights moving in much the same way as Ezekiel's description. They were CFOs or Celestial flying objects not of this world. Some of the prophets called them chariots of fire and others were calling them whirlwinds. What they are I cannot say. We may only speculate, but this is not the theme of this booklet.

The third heaven is a real place, which is the abode of God. The third heaven has atmosphere and sound exists just as on earth. While the third heaven is an actual place, God's Kingdom is not a place but God Himself. You will find two phrases repeated over and over in the New Testament:

1. The kingdom of heaven: the realm of the Gospel and Christianity
2. The kingdom of God: God Himself, His Word, Godhead/Trinity

The Kingdom was ushered in through Jesus who was God with us. Jesus is the Word and the Word is the gospel or Christianity. You see kingdom in the translation of the third heaven because it resides with God and is God. "*Thy*

Kingdom come Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Jesus brought the kingdom, for He was the Kingdom. Receiving Him, His Word, and Christianity gave the Kingdom to us. We wear the Gospel of the Word upon us as it shows in the Ephesians’ armor just as if we put on Christ [Rom 13:14] or put on the Kingdom.

Kingdom equipment:

Helmet=renewed thinking/Gospel

Breastplate of Righteousness=salvation/kingdom nature

Loins girt about with Truth=Gospel in us

Sword of the Spirit=spoken Word of God

Feet shod w/Gospel of peace=witnessed Gospel/Word

Shield of Faith=fidelity of living in by the Word

Satan wars against the Kingdom, God, Christianity, and the Gospel or Word, plus any child of God who is the container of the Kingdom by containing the Word or Gospel. When Satan accuses us before the throne, it is an accusation that we are not living in the Word or Gospel, which would be living Godly. If Satan proves this, the devil then has the right to torment, but as the kingdom stands armored with Truth no weapon the enemy uses can prosper. To say that you love the Lord means you keep His Word. That is love’s proof: *“Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him.” John 14:23*

Good people who believe in the Lord yet do not live the Gospel [the royal realm of the Kingdom, which is God] find themselves victims of tribulation and trials. The only way to overcome is through the blood and the Word [Rev 12:11].

Looking closely at the blood we see salvation, Yeshuah/Jesus, which is God, thus Kingdom. Most people think that salvation was for the forgiveness of sins only, but you will see that salvation is abundant life. Here are the different translations for the word Salvation. Look at the first word and you will see God is salvation, therefore the Kingdom is salvation. The Kingdom is a person and salvation is His character or nature and benefit.

- **Hebrew #3444**

ישועה y^eshû^âh [Jesus]

yesh-oo'-aw

something *saved*, that is, (abstractly) *deliverance*; hence *aid, victory, prosperity*: - deliverance, health, help (-ing), salvation, save, saving (health), welfare.

- **Hebrew #3468**

ישע ישע yêsha^â yêsha^â

yeh'-shah, yay'-shah

liberty, deliverance, prosperity: - safety, salvation, saving.

- **Hebrew #8668**

תשועה תשועה t^oshû'âh t^oshû'âh

tesh-oo-aw', tesh-oo-aw'

rescue (literally or figuratively, personal, national or spiritual): - deliverance, help, safety, salvation, victory.

Salvation in the NT is:

- **Greek #4991**

σωτηρία sōtēria

so-tay-ree'-ah

rescue or *safety* (physically or morally): - deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.

- **Greek #4992**

σωτήριον so^ote^orion

so-tay'-ree-on

defender or (by implication) *defence*: - salvation.

Salvation is all of these:

- *Deliverance*
- *Aid*
- *Victory*
- *Prosperity*
- Health
- Help
- Salvation
- Save
- Saving (health)
- Welfare
- Liberty
- Safety (physically or morally)
- Rescue
- Victory
- Defence/Defender

Jesus is the Kingdom who brought salvation with Him. Salvation is a tall order and completely all-inclusive to anything needed. Salvation as well as life is in the

blood. What does that kind of life entail? *John 10:10b* "I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more **abundantly**."

- Abundantly *περισσός* *superabundant* (in quantity) or *superior* (in quality); by implication *excessive*; adverb (with G1537) *violently*; neuter (as noun) *preeminence*: - exceeding abundantly above, more abundantly, advantage, exceedingly, very highly, beyond measure, more, superfluous, vehement [-ly].

Nothing wishy-washy about that definition! Our life is abundantly in salvation's blood! Halleluiah! Salvation takes on many dimensions not to be devalued, depleted, or hewn down to fit only one way. Where people go wrong is separating it into parts like this:

1. Wounded for transgressions
2. Bruised for iniquities
3. Chastisement for peace
4. Stripes for healing

When needing a healing I would not ask for a #4 and supersize it please, or when in need of peace request a #3 hold the mayo. Salvation is the full meal deal. People do not realize that when they itemize they limit. Salvation is not limited to forgiveness. Rather the Kingdom is God and salvation His nature or character and benefit. When you receive a righteous man you receive his reward...Matt 10:41 Jesus is Yeshuah/Salvation and when I took Jesus I received the reward of salvation's abundance. Look at *Isa 53:5* this way: If you replaced the pronoun with its antecedent, since Salvation is Yeshuah or Jesus, it would read: ***But Salvation was wounded for our transgressions, Salvation was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Salvation; and with Salvation's stripes we are healed.***

Jesus was commissioned to reveal the Kingdom of God, by showing people who God was and is. He was commissioned to bring salvation for us to know the will of God's character. Those two things were in one mission that He was to accomplish on earth. Jesus expressed His "mission accomplished" in His last prayer before being arrested and crucified. Look very closely at His mission:

John 17:2-26

2 As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

3 And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.

4 I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.

5 And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

6 I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

7 Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.

8 For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.

9 I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.

10 And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.

11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

12 While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

13 And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.

14 I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

15 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.

19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

20 Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

24 Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.

25 O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou hast sent me.

26 And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou hast loved me may be in them, and I in them.

Jesus did three main things:

1. Declared God's name [Kingdom]
2. Displayed God's character [Salvation]

3. Interceded for His disciples and the ones to follow to continue the work of the Kingdom.

This is why it is so imperative to live beyond the cross. We get continual suffering going from flesh to cross and not beyond. How many times do we need to crucify the Lord to receive salvation? If you could actually see with your own eyes the old man hanging onto you, you would not hesitate to let him die at the cross and walk away newer and alive. Let me tell you the manner of this old man:

1. Parasitic in nature [feeding from your blood]
2. Deluded of thinking [mind control]
3. Hypnotic responses [from mind control]
4. Spiritual depravity [keeps you from Words of life]
5. Worm infestation [death]

Victory did not come **at** the cross but **through** the cross. When we wear the armor, Gospel, and put on Christ we wear the Kingdom having the rewards and benefits of salvation at our disposal. If we do not live beyond the cross where abundance lies, we suffer, falter, and perish. I see and hear people wondering what is happening to them or their family members. They do not realize they are neither living in the realm of the Kingdom nor receiving the benefits of all that salvation holds. I have been there myself, which is why I study so much to gain knowledge of the Gospel and the Kingdom.

Matt 6:33 "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you." We have all the Kingdom benefits if we dwell within the Kingdom, which is to dwell in the secret place of the Most High and abide under His shadow.

With the world headed in the direction that we see and hear therein lay great fear, frustration and anxiety, which can overtake us. We need to remember that we are Kingdom children: "...and the government was upon His shoulders". We are of **this** government, Kingdom, and authority. Remember this when you are discouraged with the U S government: it is not really US because we are from another place just passing through and sharing the kingdom with those who are hungry. We are not supposed to be setting up comfortable living here on earth. We have been sent to take the hill. We are celestial of spirit living in terrestrial bodies. We are angels, but not in the sense that we have defined angels. Look at the entire definition of angel and tell me if you see yourself.

Angel OT: מלאך *to despatch as a deputy; a messenger; specifically of God, that is, an angel (also a prophet, priest or teacher): - ambassador, angel, king, messenger.*

Angel NT: ἄγγελος From ἀγγέλλω aggelō (probably derived from G71; compare G34; to bring tidings); a messenger, especially an “angel”; by implication a pastor: - angel, messenger.

Angels are:

- Messengers [celestial or terrestrial]
- Angel [celestial]
- Prophet [terrestrial]
- Priest [terrestrial]
- Teacher [terrestrial and celestial-Holy Spirit]
- Ambassador [celestial or terrestrial]
- Pastor [terrestrial]

We see that angels can be heavenly or earthly beings. Do not be confused by this Scripture: *Psa 8:5* “For thou hast made him a little **lower** than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.” This has nothing to do with rank or a lesser position.

- Lower מעט מעט a little or few [fewer]

Heb 2:7 “Thou madest him a little **lower** than the angels; thou crownedst him with glory and honour, and didst set him over the works of thy hands:”

Heb 2:9 “But we see Jesus, who was made a little **lower** than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”

- Lower βραχύς short (of time, place, quantity, or number): - few words, little (space, while).

We have a short time in which to deliver the message of the Kingdom, but we need to use the space and opportunity we have to fulfill the destiny to which we have been birthed.

My sister saw angels one morning when leaving her church building. She said there were multitudes so great in number that they were pressed together, yet not crowding each other out. It was as if they were woven so tightly that you could see no gaps in between them. It would be miraculous if the body of Christ were so woven as tightly fitting in the ranks. Could we be so bound together in purpose that there would be no gaps? Yes, these are the violent ones.

The Kingdom suffers violence but the violent take it by force. Matt 11:12

The violent are those who go to beyond the cross. It is not for the lukewarm or lax, but the energetic forcer...an incredible, unstoppable force! Who are these violent ones? The violent are the ones who can and will “take the hill”, get the answered prayer and the result required. The definition describes their character: βιαστής a forcer, that is, (figuratively) energetic= violent. Two words are given

to describe violent forcer/force and energetic/energy, each word is extreme. If you feel that the attack is greater than your prayers, this section is for you. Force creates energy and energy begets endurance and endurance sees results.

We use force to push or pull a obstacle in order to overpowering it into movement. If the mass is small it only takes a small amount of force. The larger the mass the more force it takes to move it. Force is the exerted strength applied to get the job done.

Which is greater an unstoppable force or an immovable object? Using the ocean waves as an example of an unstoppable force and a mountain as the immovable object, I will explain. You may say that they both remain consistently the same, but do they? There is a little thing called erosion that over time will wear away the mountain bit by bit. Where do you think sand came from? It is the erosion of rock being pulverized over and over by the ocean's waves until it reduces to the size of one small grain that we call sand. That same sand is picked up by the wave's strength and beats against the mountain with incredible force like the largest scouring pad imaginable.

Did you know that "hoping" or "wishing" never moved an object, though it may have experience the desire to see it moved. The hope, wish or desire could be the potential to motivate the force to begin, but hope alone will not get the mountain moved.

I want to be one of the violent that rush on the city and run on the walls. I do not want to quit because my 5 senses say, "It ain't so!" or "Not this time, Sister!" I want to be that unstoppable force and even if it takes a while I will get that mountain moved grain by grain!

You can be that unstoppable force if you remember one thing. **DO NOT STOP!** It does not matter what odds are stacked against you, or the impossibility of appearances. Nothing is immovable if you are unstoppable in your faith.

James 5:16 "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

- *Availeth* ἰσχύω to *have* (or *exercise*) *force* (literally or figuratively): - be able, avail, can do ([-not]), could, be good, might, prevail, be of strength, be whole, + much work.

I see no room for quitting within that definition. One thing I will remind you though, if you do not know the Word of God, there is nothing in which to make your stand firm and unstoppable. Another thing to remember is that you can only stand by your own faith and not the faith of another. In other words you cannot implement the faith of another. You may believe and pray for others but you can only stand for your own faith and receive for your own self. Just as you cannot receive salvation for another, yet you may pray for them to receive salvation. Jesus explained this in Matt 17:19-21. Jesus gave the only recourse to another's

unbelief: prayer and fasting. This was not praying and fasting for the healing but for the unbelief. Be a violent believer and unstoppable in prayer. Who knows, others may see your success, and that unstoppable violence could be contagious!

With all this truth about being the violent and storming the hill, we must see the violence of Jesus to put everything into proper perspective. Jesus' faith was perfect. He was walking salvation, yet not all received. I have heard people say that if we could only believe like Jesus everyone would be healed; yet not all were healed through Jesus.

Matt 13:54-58 "And when he was come into his own country, he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom, and these mighty works?"

55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joses, and Simon, and Judas?

56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things?

57 And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house.

58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief."

It was not unbelief in Jesus that many were not healed but by man's unbelief. If we are like Jesus not all will believe that we can help, and not all will be healed especially those of our family, friends, and church bodies or communities.

This country cut its first teeth upon the Bible. Everyone has already heard it all from the Great Awakenings in this nation. "Why, we grew up with Jesus. He's nothing new." That is why you will see heathen countries having great revivals that we are not seeing here. The U. S. has been home to Jesus. We grew up in the same neighborhood so to speak. Do you understand what I am saying to you? We have made Jesus a familiarity...an "I've heard it all before," familiarity. Look at the Jews as a perfect example. They have waited so long for their Messiah that when he came they did not know how to stop waiting. They are still waiting over 2000 years since the Messiah graced our planet. The Jews concluded that Jesus was not Him. America concludes that Jesus is not the strength and power first thought by early colonists and began to seek more progressive ways.

Another time that not many were healed was by the pool at Bethesda. Jesus walked by the pool where many infirmed lay, and only one was healed: *John 5:2-9*
"Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches.

3 In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water.

4 For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had.

5 *And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.*
6 *When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wilt thou be made whole?*
7 *The impotent man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me.*
8 *Jesus saith unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.*
9 *And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath."*

This is a curious Scripture, but there are two points to look at.

1. The infirmed were not seeking or asking of a Savior but for the troubling of the water. They had a resolute mind set of what their healing entailed and it was not Jesus.
2. One man, however, had a need and that need was not to be healed first and foremost but to have help to get to the water. Jesus made it possible for him to get to the water, but Jesus' help canceled his need for the pool's water once he tasted living water.

Our prayers just as this man's are often times misplaced. I have heard people pray that the doctor can find something so that they know how best to pray against it! If you did not catch the irony of that, you need to go back to the beginning of this booklet and start reading over with the assistance of the Holy Spirit. That was not sarcasm but the sound instruction of a teacher who knows that there are many pop quizzes in life. You need to be prepared.

Do not take the disappointments from another's unbelief to cause you to give up being one of the violent ones taking the hill. Soldiers in any war continued even if a comrade falls next to them. They pressed on just as hard if not harder being inspired to conquer the foe that cost the lives of many.

So we come back to the title: ***What's A Nice Kid Like You Doing In A Place Like This?*** We are here for a divine purpose and that is to carry on as Jesus in presenting the Kingdom of God and teaching those around us to walk in salvation's abundance.

*Phil 2:12-13 "Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation** with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure."*

- **Work out** καταργάζομαι katergazomai: to *work fully*, that is, *accomplish*, by implication to *finish*, *fashion*: - cause, do (deed), perform, work (out).

- *Salvation* σωτηρία sōtēria: *rescue* or *safety* (physically or morally): - deliver, health, salvation, save, saving.

We are to do the works of Jesus:

Once we have been rescued=Rescue others

Once we have safety=share safety with others

Once we are delivered=help others to be delivered

Once we have health=help others learn to receive

Share salvations benefits. The benefits are neither to be gained and put in a vault for safekeeping, nor stopped because someone fell next to you. Salvation is the work of the Kingdom and our commission. We do not all do our work the same way. Some witness, others teach, prophecy, exhort, pray, and even sing, but for the same Kingdom and for the same purpose.

His Kingdom Come; His will be done.

If you have not given your heart to Jesus or you are one who has not gone beyond the cross to live salvation's abundance, there is no time like the present. Pray this prayer aloud and feel free to adlib along the way:

Dear Jesus, I believe that you came as the Kingdom of God who became a sacrifice for my sins. I have not lived well, but for myself. I ask for forgiveness and give my body as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable, which is my reasonable service. I give you the controls to my life and say, "Not my will, but thy will be done." I will no longer seek my own but seek your kingdom and righteousness. Holy Spirit, please come into my life to lead and guide me into all Truth, that I may know the will of God. I plead the blood of the crucified Savior over me to cleanse me from all unrighteousness as I resurrect from death into life a new creation. I desire to follow the footprints ordained and made to order just for me. I will learn day by day to lean on the Word and not my own understanding. I also resist religion, imaginations, and conclusions that are not Word based. I declare that the more I grow in Word the stronger I am to resist Satan and all temptation. I realize by receiving Jesus, that I have salvation and all its benefits so that when attacks come I have the right to exert unstoppable force taking what belongs to me. I will pray for the frailty in others, but not let their frailties move my faith into unbelief or discouragement. I sincerely pray to have an impact on those I am able to reach. Lord, I ask for Your favor in this. Lord, you are a Witty Inventor and Creator; mold me to take on Your characteristics. Help me to leave tolerance behind and give love in its place. In invite you to interrupt my thoughts with Your thoughts, and let my ear be so close to Your mouth that I do not miss one Word You speak to my heart. Let my heart beat as Your heart, my eyes see as Your eyes and my mouth speak as You would. I pray this all in the name of Jesus, my Lord, Savior and Redeemer. I am now the redeemed of the Lord and I say so. Amen