

"How Big is My Rock?"



“Who are those who fear the Lord? He will show them the path they should choose.”

King David | Psalm 25:12 (NLT)

A river careens down a mountainside until it confronts a big rock. Preferring the path of least resistance, it redirects. Yet, what happens when it encounters only a small one? Undeterred, it plows forward without the slightest change in direction. Small rocks simply don't provide enough resistance to affect a river's path.

Imagine your life a flowing river, what big rocks have shaped your path? Where are you headed now? Are you on track to fulfill God's Mission for your life? If not, what rock will be big enough to move you on to it?

Reflect: How has God shaped the path of my life?

Desiring fulfillment, perhaps you've contemplated and prayed for a change but, bound by fear, you find yourself on the same course. Dreading regret, you wonder, "Will I be stuck on this path for the rest of my life?" Yes! ...until you encounter a big enough rock.

"For who is God except the Lord? Who but our God is a solid rock?" King David (Psalm 18:31)

What other rock but God himself could direct you to your Mission? Well... how big a rock is he for you? A better question is, how much do you fear the Lord? Observation suggests that most fear him very little. Fearing worldly things more makes God a small rock and renders countless Missions "MIA."

Consider: My Mission will be MIA if God is a small rock in my life.

What does it mean to fear the Lord? Dr. Robert Strimple of Westminster Seminary proposes: "The convergence of awe, reverence, adoration, honor, worship, confidence, thankfulness, love, and, yes,

fear." Opposing, our enemy has worked tirelessly to diminish our view of God because he knows we are ineffective if God is only a small rock in our lives.

"It is a terrible thing to fall into the hands of the living God." (Hebrews 10:31)

These words make me tremble! In scripture, everything, including the earth itself, trembles in God's presence. Do you fear the Lord like this? Do you tremble at the thought of coming before Jesus? What will you say when he asks, "...Did you complete the assignment I gave you?" Take a minute to dwell on this...

Followers should fear the Lord more than sickness, pain, poverty, plunging investments, what might happen if so and so is elected president, leaving a good job to better serve him... more than anything! When this realization hits, God becomes a huge rock and he will direct you straight into the adventure he made you for.

Imagine: God becoming a bigger and bigger rock, freeing me to courageously advance my Mission.

When you get closer to something it becomes bigger. When you move closer to Jesus, his awesomeness becomes undeniable. He is one to be feared! Has he been a small rock in your life? Oppose the enemy's deception and move into Jesus' presence. Incredibly, he allows it. He wants you to feel his power, taste his wisdom, know the depth of his love. Such Intimacy will make you tremble... and your enemy flee!

"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling" The Apostle Paul (Philippians 2:12 NIV)

Imagine the security you'll gain by hanging close to such power. No longer fearful of anything worldly, you'll be able to work out your salvation by taking courageous steps to advance your Mission. How else could you experience Jesus' awesomeness?

Reset your gaze on to the living God and ask...

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Go off the grid and ask these questions:

Coach's Questions

- What will make Jesus a bigger rock in my life?
- What fear keeps me from doing my Mission more?
- How will I bring this fear before Jesus over the next week?

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Jesus is my eternal Rock, and he's really Big!

"Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock." Isaiah 26:4 (NLT)



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